



THE
TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION
OF THE
GENERAL SYNOD.

FIRST DAY.

FIRST SESSION.

HARRISBURG, PENN'A.

THURSDAY, A. M., MAY 7th, 1868.

The clerical and lay delegates, elected by the several District Synods to constitute the twenty-third convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, assembled, in accordance with notice given by the officers of a necessary change of the time from the day to which the Synod last adjourned, on the 7th of May, A. D. 1868, at 9 o'clock, A. M., in Zion Lutheran Church, (Rev. G. F. Stelling, pastor,) in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

SERMON.

The devotional services were introduced under the direction of Rev. Prof. J. A. Brown, D.D., President of the former convention of Synod, who then preached the opening sermon. The text was Isaiah lxxv. 8: "Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it." The discourse presented a clear vindication of the character and value of the General Synod.

FORMAL OPENING.

After these services were concluded, the President took the chair and announced that the Synod would now be formally organized. The Secretary, Rev. M. Sheeleigh, proceeded to call the roll of the District Synods, when the several delegates responded, presented their credentials of election, and took their seats.

DECISIONS BY THE CHAIR.

When the name of the New York Ministerium was called, a delegation was reported from the Synod of the State of New York, which body was organized by persons who had withdrawn from the Ministerium, on its separation from the General Synod. The Chair decided that this being a new Synod, the application must lie over until the undisputed delegations shall have been received.

A like decision with the above was announced in regard to the Central Synod of Illinois, upon the calling of the Synod of Illinois; the former having been organized on the dissolution of the latter.

When the name of the Pittsburg Synod occurred, the Chair decided on the validity of the credentials and the reception of the delegates, for the reason that they claimed to represent the original Pittsburg Synod. Objection was made, which being equivalent to an appeal from the decision, the case went over to be acted upon when the roll shall have been called to the end.

On the occurrence of the Franckean Synod's name, a member of the East Pennsylvania Synod rose and objected, for the delegation of his Synod, to the reception of Rev. A. Wieting, on the ground of his having been deposed by their Synod, and afterwards restored, by the other body, under protest.

SYNODS RECEIVED.

When the calling of Synods was concluded, the Synod of the State of New York and the Synod of Central Illinois were received as constituent parts of this body, and it was ordered that they respectively take the positions on the roll formerly occupied by the New York Ministerium and by the Synod of Illinois.

Pending some explanatory remarks concerning the status of the Pittsburg Synod, whose case had been laid over, the Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by A. H. Lochman, D.D.

FIRST DAY.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, P. M., MAY 7th, 2 o'clock.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. G. Diehl, D.D. The minutes of the morning were read and adopted.

PITTSBURG SYNOD ACKNOWLEDGED.

The pending question, relating to the Pittsburg Synod, recurring, further explanations were made, when the vote was taken and the decision of the Chair unanimously sustained, whereupon the delegates were admitted to their seats.

The Synod was composed as appears in the following

LIST OF DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE.

1. SYNOD OF MARYLAND.

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| REV. G. H. BRANDAU, | MR. WM. WILEN, |
| " C. A. STORK, | " A. C. MUSSELMAN, |
| " G. DIEHL, D.D., | " WM. M. TICE, |
| " C. MARTIN, M.D., | " WM. H. WEAVER. |

2. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

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| REV. PROF. J. A. BROWN, D.D., | MR. J. V. HOSHOUR, |
| " A. H. LOCHMAN, D. D., | " E. G. SMYER, |
| " W. M. BAUM, D.D., | " G. MESSERSMITH, |
| " J. H. MENGES, | " H. S. RITTER, |
| " SAM'L HENRY, | " I. LOUCKS. |

3. HARTWICK SYNOD (N. Y.).

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| REV. V. F. BOLTON, | DR. S. L. ENDRESS, |
| " PROF. W. N. SCHOLL, D.D., | MR. JACOB STOVER. |
| " P. A. STROBEL, | |

4. SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

REV. H. N. POHLMAN, D. D., MR. A. F. OCKERSHAUSEN.
 " GEORGE NEFF,

5. EAST OHIO SYNOD.

REV. PROF. S. SPRECHER, D.D., HON. G. W. RAFF,
 " J. W. GOODLIN, MR. J. BOWMAN,
 " A. ESSICK, " G. B. DEARDORF,
 " W. G. KEIL, " WM. ROLLER.

6. ALLEGHENY SYNOD (PENN'A).

REV. R. A. FINK, MR. G. W. PATTON,
 " P. SHEEDER, DR. H. H. ROEDEL,
 " J. WINECOFF, MR. JOHN LUTZ,
 " J. B. CRIST, " J. B. HILEMAN,
 " B. H. HUNT, " S. PHILSON.

7. SYNOD OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

REV. F. W. CONRAD, D.D., MR. MARTIN BUEHLER,
 " LUTHER E. ALBERT, D.D., " J. J. COCHRAN,
 " J. R. DIMM, " H. GOODMAN,
 " S. SENTMAN, " C. CARMANY,
 " PROF. M. VALENTINE, D.D., " E. S. GERMAN.
 " W. V. GOTWALD,

8. MIAMI SYNOD (OHIO).

REV. JOEL SWARTZ, MR. ALEX. GEBHART,
 " A. J. IMHOFF, " A. EPLY,
 " J. B. HELWIG, " D. KNOOP.
 " G. B. ORT,

9. SYNOD OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

REV. S. W. HARKEY, D.D., MR. M. V. ZIMMERMAN,
 " EPHRAIM MILLER, PROF. N. HODGE.

10. WITTENBERG SYNOD (OHIO).

REV. PROF. H. R. GEIGER, DR. WM. DETWILER,
 " M. OFFICER, HON. R. W. MUSGRAVE,
 " A. R. HOWBERT, MR. S. CULLER,
 " L. M. KUHS, " E. C. HANNUM.

11. OLIVE BRANCH SYNOD (INDIANA).

REV. J. SEVERINGHAUS, MR. BENJAMIN SHIRK.

12. SYNOD OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

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| REV. C. W. SANDERS, | MR. BENJAMIN HARTMAN, |
| " A. A. TRIMPER, | " J. G. FLECK, |
| " W. A. LIPE, | " C. M. HALLER. |

13. PITTSBURG SYNOD (PENN'A).

REV. J. H. W. STUCKENBERG.

14. SYNOD OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

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| REV. PROF. H. ZIEGLER, D.D., | MR. W. M. STOVER, |
| " W. H. DIVEN, | CAPT. D. L. TRESSLER, |
| " P. SAHM, | DR. S. W. BERG, |
| " D. KLOSS, | COL. JOHN HAMILTON. |

15. SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.

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| REV. G. W. WILSON, | MR. D. S. KEIL, |
| " W. WALTMAN, | " D. KOONS. |
| " H. WELLS, | |

16. SYNOD OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

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| REV. WM. JENKINS, | COL. L. SHOFFNER. |
| " D. SPRECHER, | |

17. SYNOD OF IOWA.

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| REV. A. M. GEIGER, | MR. P. S. GORTNER. |
| " J. HELSELL, | |

18. MELANCHTHON SYNOD.

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| REV. R. WEISER, | DR. WM. WHITE, |
| " A. BUHRMAN, | MR. DAN'L CULLER. |

19. SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

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| REV. M. SHEELEIGH, | MR. MORRIS F. MARTENIS. |
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20. FRANCKEAN SYNOD.

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| REV. A. WIETING, | MR. P. S. CROSS. |
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NOTE.—The Secretary having been instructed in regard to the order in which certain Synods should appear on the roll, he has rectified two errors which crept into the arrangement some years ago. The present order observes the succession of union with the General Synod, excepting in the cases of the Synods of New York and Central Illinois, which were respectively directed to take the places formerly occupied by the Ministerium of New York and the Synod of Illinois. This arrangement, moreover, indicates the chronological order of synodical organization, if we except the New York, Central Illinois, Pittsburg, Iowa, and Franckean Synods.

21. SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD (PENN'A).

REV. J. EVANS,

" E. A. SHARRETTS,

" G. PARSON,

DR. P. R. WAGENSELLER,

MR. JOHN STAVER.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The Synod next proceeded to ballot for officers, Rev. C. A. Stork and Rev. J. Winecoff acting as tellers. The following individuals were announced as being elected:

REV. HENRY N. POHLMAN, D.D., *President*;REV. MATTHIAS SHEELEIGH, *Secretary*;MR. A. F. OCKERSHAUSEN, *Treasurer*.

At the request of the Secretary, the President appointed Rev. L. M. Kuhns to act as Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary read the RULES OF ORDER. No objection being made, they were declared by the President as adopted for the government of the present convention of the Synod.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED.

The roll of Synods was called, when the several delegations handed in the Minutes and other documents from their Synods.

APPLICATION OF SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD.

A delegation from the newly-organized Susquehanna Synod applied for its admission into this body. It was

Resolved, That the application be referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. J. A. Brown, S. Sprecher, and G. Diehl.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD REFERRED.

The reading of the last printed Minutes being, on motion, dispensed with, they were referred to the following committee: Rev. P. A. Strobel, Rev. A. A. Trimper, and Hon. G. W. Raff.

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

Rev. Dr. C. Martin, Rev. M. Officer, and Rev. W. V. Gotwald, together with the pastor, Rev. G. F. Stelling, were appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises.

RESOLUTION TO VISIT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That we proceed as a Synod to visit General Geary,

the Governor of this State, on Saturday afternoon, between 4 and 5 o'clock.

APPOINTMENT FOR EVENING SERVICE.

The committee on Devotional Services reported in part, that Rev. C. A. Stork, of Baltimore, would preach this evening.

HOURS FIXED.

Resolved, That we assemble daily at 8½ o'clock as a Prayer-meeting, that business commence at 9, and adjournment take place at 12.

APPOINTMENT FOR PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Resolved, That the Publication Society hold its meeting on next Monday afternoon.

The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Rev. W. N. Scholl, D.D., led in prayer.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, A. M., MAY 8th, 9 o'clock.

Half an hour having been spent in the services of a prayer-meeting, the President took the chair and announced that the hour for business had arrived.

After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D.

The roll was called and corrected. The minutes of last session were read and approved.

LIST OF REGULAR COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following committees :

On the State of the Church.—Rev. Prof. M. Valentine, D. D., Rev. C. A. Stork, Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D., Rev. Prof. W. N. Scholl, D. D., Rev. G. Neff, Rev. P. Sheeder, Rev. J. Swartz, Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Rev. A. R. Howbert, Rev. E. Miller, Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, Rev. C. W. Sanders, Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, Rev. P. Sahm, Rev. W. Waltman, Rev. D. Sprecher, Rev. A. M. Geiger, Rev. R. Weiser, Mr. M. F. Martenis, Mr. P. S. Cross, and Rev. G. Parson.

On Credentials.—Rev. Prof. J. A. Brown, D. D., Rev. Prof. S. Sprecher, D. D., and Rev. G. Diehl, D. D.

On Devotional Services.—Rev. C. Martin, M. D., Rev. M. Officer, Rev. W. V. Gotwald, and Rev. G. F. Stelling.

On Literary and Theological Institutions.—Rev. Prof. H. R. Geiger, Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D., Rev. Prof. W. N. Scholl, D. D., Rev. Prof. H. Ziegler, D. D., Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D., Dr. D. Luther, and Mr. G. Messersmith.

On Correspondence with other Ecclesiastical Bodies.—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., Rev. R. A. Fink, Rev. A. Essick, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, and Rev. H. Wells.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D., Rev. G. B. Miller, D. D., Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D.

On Treasurer's Report.—Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., Mr. D. L. Tressler, Mr. M. Buehler, Prof. N. Hodge, and Rev. V. F. Bolton.

On Mileage.—Mr. J. J. Cochran, Mr. A. Gebhart, Dr. H. H. Roedel, Mr. A. F. Ockershausen, and Rev. M. Officer.

On Leave of Absence.—Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D., Rev. H. Ziegler, D. D., and Rev. C. Martin.

On Railroad Fares.—Rev. G. F. Stelling, Rev. G. W. Halderman, and A. F. Ockershausen, Esq.

COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN ORPHANS' HOME.

The President appointed a committee to report on a letter from Rev. P. Willard, concerning the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Loysville, Perry county, Pennsylvania.

Committee.—Rev. M. Officer, Rev. J. Winecoff, and Mr. W. H. Weaver.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCH IN MINNESOTA.

A committee was named for the purpose of reporting on letters giving an account of the state of the church in Minnesota.

Committee.—Rev. E. Miller, Rev. G. H. Brandau, and Rev. A. Essick.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SOCIETIES.

Resolved, That the Home Missionary Society meet this afternoon, immediately upon the adjournment of the business meeting of the Parent Education Society, and hold its anniversary this evening.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Twenty-second Convention of the General Synod reported:

REPORT ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last Convention of the General Synod, have performed the duty assigned them, and report as follows:

On page 24, a committee is named to prepare and publish a Provisional Liturgy. A report will be expected from this committee.

The Synod will be called to elect two Trustees of the Pastors' Fund, in the places of Drs. Krotel and Hutter, whose term expires at this session.

A committee, consisting of Drs. Harkey, Greenwald, Schmucker, Sprecher, and Brown, was appointed to prepare a revised and amended Constitution to be submitted at this convention.

A committee was appointed to prepare a development of Luther's Smaller Catechism, at the request of the New Jersey Synod. Committee: Drs. Conrad and Hay, and Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

A committee was appointed to revise the Hymn Book, and report at this meeting. Committee: Mr. G. W. Raff, Rev. C. A. Stork, Rev. A. J. Weddell, and Drs. M. Valentine and S. S. Schmucker.

A committee was appointed to open a correspondence with the Southern Synods, formerly in connection with this body, with a view to the restoration of the fraternal and ecclesiastical relations that once existed amongst us. Committee: Dr. Sternberg, Rev. Butler, Dr. Conrad, Dr. Harrison, and Rev. Officer. (Page 43.)

Reports will be expected from delegates to other ecclesiastical bodies. (Page 32.)

Your Committee conclude their Report by expressing their gratification at the care and correctness with which the Secretary prepared the Minutes of the last convention of this body, and especially with the very copious Index appended to the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. STROBEL,
A. A. TRIMPER,
GEO. W. RAFF.

The Report was accepted and laid on the table for future reference.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of the Susquehanna Synod reported as follows:

REPORT ON RECEPTION OF SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD.

The Committee to report on the application of the Susquehanna Synod for admission into this body, submit the following:

The delegates were unable to place in our hands "the Constitution and Minutes" of their Synod, as required, in consequence of their not being published. They, however, presented verbal statements, and a report as printed in the church papers. The Committee regret to be compelled to report that there seems to be a want of entire conformity with the Constitution of the General Synod, as heretofore understood, and that the doctrinal basis adopted is in language different from that of this body. But as the delegates assure the Committee that the Synod cordially approve of the doctrinal basis of the General Synod, and did not intend to establish another, and as the lack in presenting a copy of the Constitution and Minutes seems unavoidable under the circumstances, and as the brethren of that Synod are well-known to this body, we recommend that the Susquehanna Synod be received, on the condition that at its next meeting it adopt definitely the doctrinal basis or Constitution of the General Synod.

J. A. BROWN,
S. SPRECHER,
GEO. DIEHL.

The Report was adopted.

SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD'S DELEGATES ENROLLED.

The credentials of the delegation from the Susquehanna Synod were then presented, and the names placed on the roll of members.

VISITORS INVITED TO SEATS.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That all Lutheran ministers present, who are not members of this body, and other ministers of Evangelical churches, be invited to seats in this house, as visitors, and their names be entered on the Minutes.

LIST OF CLERICAL VISITORS.**LUTHERAN.**

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| REV. PROF. S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D., | REV. A. C. EHRENFELD, |
| " " C. A. HAY, D.D., | REV. C. L. EHRENFELD, |
| " G. F. STELLING, | " M. W. HAMMA, |
| " G. W. HALDERMAN, | " E. S. JOHNSTON, |
| " J. B. BALTZLY, | " C. LEPLEY, |
| " M. J. ALLEMAN, | " W. RUTHRAUFF, |
| " P. BERGSTRESSER, | " D. SUMMERS, |
| " PROF. J. F. WILKEN, | " T. STORK, D.D., |

REV. J. G. BUTLER,
 " PROF. V. L. CONRAD,
 " H. C. SHINDLE,
 " U. GRAVES,
 " P. RABY,
 " J. F. SHEARER,
 " J. A. EARNEST,
 " G. F. EHRENFELD,
 " W. L. HEISLER,
 " D. M. BLACKWELDER,
 " J. H. BARCLAY,
 " M. RHODES,
 " PROF. P. BORN,
 " A. McLAUGHLIN,
 " E. BREIDENBAUGH,
 " W. W. GULICK,
 " C. REIMENSNYDER,
 " S. YINGLING,
 " E. S. HENRY,
 " S. K. BROBST,
 " G. SILL,
 " PROF. S. DOMER,
 " W. H. STECK,
 " J. H. HONEYCUT,
 " J. B. ANTHONY,
 " T. C. PRITCHARD,
 " A. S. MILLER,
 " J. KISTLER,
 " J. M. STECK,
 " J. F. DEITERICH,
 " J. R. WILLIAMS,
 " A. M. STRAUSS,
 " J. G. MORRIS, D.D.,
 " A. W. LILLY,
 " E. J. WOLF,
 " C. W. SCHAEFFER, D.D.,
 " J. G. MARTZ,
 " J. Q. McATEE,

REV. H. BAKER,
 " S. A. HOLMAN,
 " E. W. HUTTER, D.D.,
 " S. B. BARNITZ,
 " H. LOUIS BAUGHER,
 " T. T. TITUS,
 " P. ANSTAEDT,
 " G. W. HEMPERLY,
 " J. K. MILLER,
 " N. M. PRICE,
 " J. SELMSER,
 " D. J. HAUER, D.D.,
 " M. L. SHINDEL,
 " A. YEISER,
 " G. M. BOYER,
 " H. G. BOWERS,
 " A. C. WEDEKIND, D.D.,
 " J. G. GOETTMAN,
 " J. S. HEILIG,
 " G. F. SCHAEFFER,
 " J. R. GROFF,
 " C. A. GELWICKS,
 " H. W. McKNIGHT,
 " J. C. KOHLER,
 " H. R. FLECK,
 " P. RIZER,
 " F. T. HOOVER,
 " J. B. KELLER,
 " E. GREENWALD, D.D.,
 " D. HARBAUGH,
 " J. FRY,
 " P. WILLARD,
 " S. P. SPRECHER,
 " J. M. RICE,
 " J. W. SWICK,
 " I. MAGEE,
 " H. B. WINTON,
 " D. P. ROSENMILLER,

REV. C. F. STOEVER,

" PROF. M. JACOBS, D.D.,

" A. L. GUSS,

" G. M. RHODES,

" F. A. BARNITZ,

" O. F. WAAGE,

" S. A. ORT,

" F. KLINEFELTER,

" J. H. HECK,

" M. W. FAIR,

" PROF. C. J. EHREHART,

" H. E. JACOBS,

" A. W. LENTZ,

" T. C. BILLHEIMER,

" G. A. EXLINE,

" F. P. HENNIGHAUSEN,

" S. McHENRY,

" S. P. SNYDER,

REV. C. A. FEITZER,

" H. C. GROSSMAN,

" P. WARNER,

" L. GROH,

" N. J. STROH,

" P. SAHM,

" G. P. WEAVER,

" J. M. DITZLER,

" A. D. CROLL,

" W. H. STECK,

" M. L. CULLER.

ALSO,

PROF. M. L. STOEVER, PH. D.,

HON. C. KUGLER,

I. SULGER, ESQ.,

MR. T. N. KURTZ,

" G. P. OCKERSHAUSEN.

OF OTHER CHURCHES.

REV. W. H. H. SNYDER, GERMAN REFORMED.

" W. A. GRING,

" T. H. ROBINSON,

" A. D. MOORE,

" A. D. MITCHELL,

" C. L. THOMPSON, D.D., METHODIST.

" G. G. RAKESTRAW,

" T. M. GRIFFITH.

PRESBYTERIAN.

REPORT ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

The committee on the revision of the Constitution of the General Synod reported the result of their labors through the Rev. Dr. Harkey.

THE REPORT RE-COMMITTED AND TO BE PRINTED.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the draft of the amended Constitution just read be re-committed to the committee who have prepared it.

Resolved, That after such alterations as the committee may yet desire to make, the committee have 500 copies of the pro-

posed Constitution printed for examination by this body, and that the subject be made the special order for next Tuesday morning, immediately after the reading of the minutes.

COMMITTEE ON GERMAN PAPER.

In pursuance of a motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report a plan for publishing a German Paper on the basis of the General Synod.

Committee.—Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D., and Rev. G. H. Brandau.

COMMITTEE ON GERMAN HYMN BOOK.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to prepare a German Hymn Book for our churches.

Committee.—Rev. A. H. Lochman, D.D., Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, Rev. J. Winecoff, Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, and Rev. G. H. Brandau.

Rev. C. A. Stork read the Report of standing committee on the Revision of our Church Hymn Book.

REPORT ON REVISION OF HYMN BOOK.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the General Synod at Fort Wayne, to revise the Hymn Book, respectfully submit the following report:

After some correspondence among the various members of the committee, and much individual labor in the revision of the Hymn Book as it stands, and in the selection of new matter, the first meeting in committee was held February 5th, 1868, in Baltimore, the following members of the committee being present: Drs. Schmucker and Valentine, and Rev. C. A. Stork. At this meeting, and a subsequent one held at Gettysburg, March 11th, the Hymn Book was carefully revised; and from the 1024 hymns in the old book the committee have already omitted 530. Alteration, correction and abridgment were also made in many cases.

At the third meeting, in Gettysburg, April 14th, where all the members of the committee, save Rev. A. J. Weddell, were present, a new Basis of Arrangement, as given below, was adopted, and some progress made in the selection of additional hymns.

The Basis of Arrangement is as follows:

Basis of Arrangement of Hymns.

I. PUBLIC WORSHIP.

1. Praise and Adoration.
2. The Lord's Day.
3. Delight in Worship.

II. God.

1. Being of God.
2. Attributes of God.
3. Trinity of God.
4. His Fatherhood.

III. CREATION AND PROVIDENCE.

1. Works.
2. Providence.

IV. THE FALL AND SIN OF MAN.**V. GRACE AND REDEMPTION.**

1. Its Source, God's Love.
2. Christ.
 - a. His Person and Character.
 - b. His Mission.
 - c. His Teaching.
 - d. His Example.
 - e. His Miracles.
 - f. His Sufferings and Death.
 - g. His Work of Atonement.
 - h. His Intercession.
 - i. Praise to Christ.
3. Holy Spirit.
 - a. His Effusion and Mission.
 - b. His Work.

VI. THE CHURCH.

1. Her Foundation.
2. Her Privileges and Glory.
3. Her Ministry.
 - a. Ordination and Installations.
 - b. A Blessed Calling.
 - c. Prayer for.
 - d. Synodical and other Meetings.
4. Love for the Church.
5. Her Unity and Peace.
6. Revivals.
7. Confirmation, or Admission to Sacramental Communion.
8. Missions and Spread of the Gospel.
9. Final Triumph.
10. Church Festivals.
 - a. Christians.
 - b. Good Friday.
 - c. Easter.
 - d. Ascension.
 - e. Pentecost.

VII. THE MEANS OF GRACE.

1. The Word of God.
2. Baptism.
3. The Lord's Supper.

VIII. ORDER OF SALVATION.

1. Gospel Call.
2. Repentance.
3. Faith.
4. Justification.
5. Sanctification.

IX. CHRISTIAN LIFE AND EXPERIENCE.

1. Prayer.
2. Graces of the Spirit.
 - a. Love.
 - b. Peace and Joy.
 - c. Humility.
 - d. Meekness.
 - e. Hope.
 - f. Patience and Resignation.
3. Holiness.
4. Trust or Faith.
5. Fellowship with God and Christ.
6. Self-Consecration.
7. Mourning over Sin.
8. Imitation of Christ.
9. Christian Activity.
10. Communion of Saints.
11. Blessedness of the Righteous.
12. Watchfulness and Self-Examination.
13. Temptation and Trials.
14. Spiritual Declension.
15. Affliction.
16. Anticipation of Death.
17. Peace or Triumph in Death.

X. SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

1. Corner-stone Laying.
2. Dedication of Churches.
3. Marriage.
4. Temperance.
5. Hymns for the Young.
6. Parents and Children.
7. Family Worship.
 - a. Morning Hymns.
 - b. Evening Hymns.
8. Private Devotion.
9. National Occasions.
10. New Year.
11. The Seasons.
12. Harvest.

XI. DEATH AND BURIAL.

XII. RESURRECTION.

XIII. JUDGMENT.

XIV. ETERNITY.

XV. CLOSING HYMNS OF WORSHIP AND DOXOLOGIES.

The hymns cast out are mostly of a didactic character, being either unfit for the purposes of a hymnal from lyrical deficiencies, or else that might be superseded by matter of much superior merit and better adapted to aid the Service of Song in the House of the Lord. If authorized to carry their work on to completion, the committee propose to increase largely the proportion of *hymns of direct praise and worship*, *hymns* relating to the various experiences and activities of the Christian life, and *hymns contemplating Christ* in his various offices and relations to the believer.

It is proposed to make our Hymn Book more thoroughly a manual of worship and praise for the Christian, and less a sermon to the sinner. Believing that prayer and praise are to be directed by their very nature to God, and preaching to the impenitent and believing hearer, the committee hope that the Hymn Book, as it issues from their revision, may prove pre-eminently a Book of Praise to God, and address the congregation only indirectly.

The addition will probably amount to two hundred or two hundred and fifty, making a total, with the old hymns, of seven hundred and fifty; but as many of the long hymns have been cut down, the whole bulk of the book will be less than that of the old volume by much more than would be indicated by the mere number of hymns.

The work of the committee, both as regards the revision of the old book and the selection of new material, is still incomplete. It is a work that requires time, labor and deliberation. Your committee can, therefore, only report progress as above, and pray either that they be continued, or another committee appointed in their stead, to carry on and complete the work.

Your committee would also submit the following recommendations:

1. That, in case they be continued, another member be appointed to fill the place of Rev. A. J. Weddell, who has taken charge of a church in the Pennsylvania Synod, and is thus practically removed from the General Synod.

2. That the work of the committee, when completed, shall be referred to a committee consisting of the President and Secretary of the Synod and three additional persons to be chosen by the Synod, whose approval shall be necessary to authorize the publication of the book by the standing Hymn Book (Publishing) Committee, under the supervision of the Revising Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. SCHMUCKER,
C. A. STORK,
M. VALENTINE,
G. W. RAFF.

HYMN BOOK REVISING COMMITTEE CONTINUED.

Resolved, That the Committee be continued.

The *first recommendation* of the committee, to supply the vacancy in their number, was concurred in.

Tellers were then appointed to conduct the election for another member.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The adjournment was announced as extending until to-morrow morning, in consequence of the Parent Education and Home Missionary Societies meeting this afternoon.

The closing prayer was made by Rev. C. Martin.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, A. M., May 9th, 9 o'clock.

The prayer-meeting being closed, the Synod was formally opened for business, by singing part of the 907th hymn, and uniting in prayer with Rev. R. A. Fink.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and pronounced adopted.

The following document was presented by the delegates of the Synod of East Pennsylvania :

PAPER FROM THE DELEGATES OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

WHEREAS, The Franckean Synod, in connection with this body, has reviewed and reversed an act of discipline of the Synod of East Pennsylvania, also in connection with this body, in restoring Mr. A. Wieting to the ministry from which he had been deposed, and has sent him as a delegate to this Convention; and,

Whereas, Such acts are suited to occasion "unpleasant and unfriendly collisions" which, according to section 4th, Article III., of its Constitution, it is the office of the General Synod to seek to "prevent," the delegates from the Synod of East Pennsylvania desire to call the attention of this body to this matter and request it, according to Article III., section 5th, paragraph 1st, to give its "advice or opinion."

F. W. CONRAD,
W. VALENTINE,
MARTIN BUEHLER,
JOHN J. COCHRAN,
C. CARMANY,
HENRY GOODMAN,
W. V. GOTWALD,
LUTHER E. ALBERT,
J. R. DIMM,
E. S. GERMAN,
S. SENTMAN.

Resolved, That this document be referred to a committee of five, of which Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown shall be chairman.

Committee.—Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D., Rev. G. Neff, Rev. P. Sahm, Rev. G. Diehl, D. D., and Mr. M. F. Martenis.

A MEMBER OF HYMN BOOK REVISING COMMITTEE ELECTED.

The business pending from yesterday was resumed, when it was

Resolved, That Rev. M. Officer, having the highest number of votes, be declared elected as a member of the Committee to revise the Hymn Book.

The *second recommendation* of the Hymn Book Revising Committee's Report was taken up and adopted.

HYMN BOOK REFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The Synod next went into an election for the three persons named in the recommendation just adopted, to constitute a part of the Committee to whom the completed work of the Hymn Book Revising Committee shall be referred. Various nominations were made, and Messrs. J. J. Cochran and A. Gebhart appointed tellers. The following persons were elected, to constitute a committee in conjunction with the President and the Secretary of the Synod: Rev. J. Swartz, Rev. T. T. Titus, and Rev. Dr. T. Stork.

Rev. Dr. Martin, on behalf of the Committee on Religious Services, reported as follows:

REPORT ON DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises would beg leave to make the following report:

1. First Lutheran Church, Fourth Street.

Preparatory Services, Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock—

Sermon: Rev. H. Ziegler, D.D.,

Liturgical Service: Rev. A. H. Loehman, D.D.

Sabbath morning: Rev. S. Sprecher, D.D.

“ afternoon: Communion Services, conducted by the President.

“ evening: Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg.

2. Second Lutheran Church, Forster Avenue.

Sabbath morning: Rev. A. J. Imhoff.

“ evening: Rev. J. Swartz.

3. *New School Presbyterian Church, Market Square.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. J. Swartz.

" evening: Rev. T. T. Titus.

4. *Old School Presbyterian Church, Third and Pine Streets.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. Geo. Diehl, D.D.

" evening: Rev. W. V. Gotwald.

5. *Presbyterian Church, Paxton.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. J. R. Dimm.

6. *Methodist Episcopal Church, Locust Street.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D.

" evening: Rev. V. F. Bolton.

7. *Methodist Episcopal Church, Vine Street.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D.

" evening: Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

8. *First German Reformed Church, Chestnut Street.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D.

" evening: Rev. E. Miller.

9. *Second German Reformed Church, Reily and Ridge Streets.*

Sabbath morning, 9 o'clock: Rev. J. D. Severinghaus.

" " 10½ o'clock: Rev. A. A. Trimper.

10. *Bethel Church, Fourth Street.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. H. Wells.

" evening: Rev. J. B. Crist.

11. *Free Will Baptist, State and Fourth Streets.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. S. Domer.

" evening: Rev. D. Harbaugh.

12. *Lochiel Mission.*

Sabbath evening: Rev. D. Kloss.

13. *City Prison.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. A. Buhrman.

14. *Second Presbyterian Church, (Colored,) Elder Street.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. P. Willard.

" evening: Rev. D. Sprecher.

15. *Baptist Church, Second and Pine Streets.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. G. Parson.

" evening: Rev. A. C. Ehrenfeld.

16. *Wesleyan Church, (Colored,) Elder Street.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. W. Jenkins.

" evening: Rev. H. G. Bowers.

17. *Calvary Baptist Church, (Colored,) Colder and William Streets.*

Sabbath morning: Rev. G. B. Ort.

" evening: Rev. C. W. Sanders.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MARTIN,

M. OFFICER,

W. V. GOTWALD,

G. F. STELLING.

The report was adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the business meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society be held on Tuesday afternoon, and the anniversary in the evening of the same day.

COMMITTEE ON JUBILEE SERVICES.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report on the Jubilee Year of the Reformation.

Committee.—Rev. Prof. H. R. Geiger, Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, and Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D.

The Treasurer next read his biennial report of the receipts and expenditures of the Synod.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

| 1866. | | <i>Dr.</i> |
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| May 19, | Balance as per report..... | \$856 38 |
| " " | Cash Acadia Congregation, Ohio..... | 6 25 |
| " " | " Emmittsburg, Md..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " Sunbury, Pa..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " Wooster Church, Ohio..... | 15 00 |
| " " | " Vandalia Charge, Ohio..... | 11 00 |
| " " | " Mount Pisgah, Indianapolis, Ohio | 22 16 |
| " " | " Jeffersontown, Ky..... | 6 00 |
| " " | " Ebenezer Church, Indiana..... | 15 00 |
| " " | " New Columbus, Indiana..... | 6 00 |
| " " | " Omaha, Nebraska..... | 10 00 |
| " " | " Rev. W. Hunt's charge..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " Ashland Congregation, Pa..... | 10 25 |
| " 23 | " Second Ev. Lutheran Church, York, Pa..... | 20 00 |

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| May 13, | Cash Newry Charge, Pa..... | \$10 00 |
| " " | " Mineral Charge, Ohio | 10 00 |
| " " | " Wapakoneta Congregation, Ohio..... | 10 00 |
| " " | " Hollidaysburg, Pa..... | 20 00 |
| " " | " Zion Church, Mahony City, Ohio..... | 3 00 |
| " " | " Minnesota Synod, in Five Congregations.... | 16 40 |
| June 12, | " Elvira, Iowa..... | 5 35 |
| " 22, | " N. Van Alstine, mileage returned..... | 5 30 |
| July 5, | " G. A. Nixdorf, mileage returned..... | 21 00 |
| " 14, | " H. G. Bowers, mileage returned..... | 4 60 |
| " 17, | " Board of Publication, Premiums to January, 1866..... | 1,276 84 |
| " 20, | " W. T. Strobel, Fort Madison, Iowa..... | 3 50 |
| Aug. 13, | " Rev. Dr. Lochman, York, Pa..... | 30 00 |
| " " | " J. H. Heck, Lower Merion..... | 7 00 |
| Nov. 10, | " G. W. Schmucker, Red Hook, N. Y..... | 8 80 |
| 1867. | | |
| Apr. 13, | " A. Helwig, Reedsburg, Ohio..... | 6 00 |
| " 15, | " J. R. Sikes, Ashland, Pa..... | 7 00 |
| " 18, | " Cicero and Mount Pleasant, Indiana..... | 5 60 |
| " " | " West Sand Lake, N. Y..... | 3 50 |
| " 7, | " Church, Bearytown, N. Y..... | 7 00 |
| Apr. 11, | " A. A. Trimper, Dixon, Ill..... | 10 00 |
| " 25, | " Christ Church, Gettysburg, Pa..... | 19 17 |
| " " | " Congregation, Allegheny City..... | 10 00 |
| Aug. 17, | " Lutheran Publication Soc'y, Premiums..... | 1,000 00 |
| Sep. 20, | " J. M. Lingle..... | 2 50 |
| Nov. 26, | " Lutheran Publication Soc'y, Premiums..... | 110 00 |
| 1868. | | |
| Apr. 1, | " Argusville Charge, N. Y..... | 12 90 |
| " 14, | " Gilead Congregation, Brunswick, N. Y | 12 00 |
| " 15, | " T. Newton Kurtz, Premiums on Hymn Book and Carmina Ecclesiae..... | 247 43 |
| " 18, | " St. Paul's, Johnstown, N. Y..... | 7 00 |
| " " | " Berne, N. Y..... | 7 60 |
| " 23, | " Franckean Synod..... | 30 00 |
| " 24, | " Smicksburg Pastorate, Pa..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " Zion Church, West Sand Lake, N. Y..... | 5 00 |
| May 2, | " Lutheran Publication Society, Premiums on Hymn Book to December 1, 1867..... | 1,072 66 |
| " " | " A. C. Ehrenfeld, Indiana, Pa..... | 7 10 |
| " 7, | " Hagerstown, Md..... | 25 00 |
| " " | " Manchester, Md..... | 7 00 |
| " " | " St. John's, Lancaster, Pa..... | 15 00 |
| " " | " Lionville Charge, Pa..... | 14 12 |
| " " | " Stoystown, Pa..... | 10 00 |
| " " | " Berlin Charge, Pa..... | 10 00 |
| " " | " St. Matthew's, Reading, Pa..... | 13 33 |

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| May 7, Cash | Schaghticoke, N. Y..... | \$21 00 |
| " " | " Canton, Ohio..... | 15 50 |
| " " | " St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md..... | 15 00 |
| " " | " English Church, Dayton, Ohio..... | 20 00 |
| " " | " St. John's, Baltimore..... | 12 00 |
| " " | " Waynesboro' Charge, Pa..... | 7 00 |
| " " | " Columbia City Charge, Ind..... | 12 00 |
| " " | " Martinsburg Charge..... | 7 00 |
| " " | " Springfield, Ohio..... | 18 00 |
| " " | " Gardnersville and Loysville..... | 10 00 |
| " " | " St. Paul's, Washington, D. C..... | 20 00 |
| " " | " Turbutsville, Pa..... | 7 00 |
| " " | " German Valley, N. J..... | 9 33 |
| " " | " Stewartsville, N. J..... | 2 00 |
| " 8, | " Altoona, Pa..... | 15 00 |
| " " | " Zion, Lebanon, Pa..... | 12 00 |
| " " | " Taneytown, Md..... | 20 12 |
| " " | " St. Peter's, Barren Hill, Pa..... | 15 00 |
| " " | " 1st English Lutheran, Carlisle, Pa..... | 40 00 |
| " " | " Jefferson Charge, Md..... | 14 08 |
| " " | " Myersville Charge..... | 6 00 |
| " " | " Lewisburg, Pa..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " Zion, York, Pa..... | 20 00 |
| " " | " St. Paul's, Dixon, Illinois..... | 18 00 |
| " " | " Bellefontaine Charge, Ohio..... | 10 00 |
| " " | " Dongola Charge, Ill..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " St. James', New York City..... | 25 00 |
| " 9, | " 2d English Lutheran Church, Baltimore..... | 10 00 |
| " " | " Zion Church, Harrisburg..... | 30 00 |
| " " | " New Castle, Indiana..... | 7 50 |
| " " | " New Berlin Charge, Pa..... | 4 00 |
| " " | " West Liberty, Ohio..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " Fairview, Iowa.... | 3 00 |
| " " | " Oxford, Iowa..... | 3 18 |
| " " | " Marklesburg, Pa..... | 5 00 |
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| May 24. Cash paid | Mileage Committee..... | \$3,180 55 |
| " 19, " | " " | 34 80 |
| " " | " " | 70 40 |
| Oct. 17, " | " M. Sheeleigh, Printing Minutes, Post- age, &c..... | 448 55 |
| " " | " Interest, Postage, &c..... | 150 00 |
| " " | " Protocol, \$6.00; Stationery, \$1.60..... | 7 60 |
| | | Balance on hand..... 1,680 80 |
| | | <hr/> \$5,572 70 |

A. F. OCKERSHAUSEN,
Treasurer.

May 9th, 1868.

The Report was referred to the regular Committee on Treasurer's Report.

HYMN BOOK PUBLISHING COMMITTEE REPORTED.

The Report of the Hymn Book Committee was presented by Hon. C. Kugler. It was referred to a Committee consisting of Judge G. W. Raff, Mr. S. Philson, and Dr. W. Detwiler.

REPORT ON PLAN FOR GERMAN CHURCH PAPER.

Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg reported for the Committee on a Plan for Publishing a German Church Paper. The Report was taken up and considered item by item. Pending the discussion, the hour for adjournment arrived.

In order to give place to the Preparatory Service and calling on the Governor of the State this afternoon, and to the Anniversary of the Parent Education Society this evening, the Synod adjourned until Monday morning.

Rev. J. Swartz led in prayer.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, A. M., MAY 11th, 1868, 9 o'clock.

The President being absent, Dr. G. Diehl was called to act as chairman, *pro tem*.

After uniting in singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. H. G. Bowers.

The roll was called, and further corrections were made.

The minutes were next read and pronounced adopted.

The President arrived and took his seat.

REPORT ON PLAN FOR GERMAN PAPER RESUMED.

The business pending from last session was resumed; namely, the report of the committee on establishing a German Church Paper.

The report, after full discussion, and some necessary changes, which were accepted by the committee, was adopted as follows:

REPORT.

Your committee, appointed to report a plan for publishing a German paper, on the basis of the General Synod, submit the following:

1. That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to appoint an editor, or editors, select a place for publication, secure subscribers, and have a general supervision of the publication of the paper; and,

2. That the Lutheran Observer Association be requested to co-operate with the committee in the publication of the paper.

Committee.—Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, Rev. G. H. Brandau, Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D.D., Rev. F. P. Hennighausen. and Mr. C. Yeager.

REPORT ON PAPER OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S DELEGATES.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown reported for the Committee to whom was referred the paper of the delegates from the East Pennsylvania Synod. After a free discussion, the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the paper presented by the delegation of the Synod of East Pennsylvania, touching the action of the Franckean Synod, in reviewing and reversing the action of the former body, by restoring Mr. A. Wieting to the ministry, after he had been deposed by the Synod of East Pennsylvania, and upon which the "advice or opinion" of this body is solicited, after due consideration, submit the following:

The committee did not feel called upon to enter into any investigation of the case beyond the simple point of one Synod in connection with the General Synod reviewing the acts of another. Neither Rev. A. Wieting, nor the Franckean Synod is on trial, as no charges are preferred, nor do we understand the delegation of East Pennsylvania as wishing to prosecute the case. The General Synod has no Jurisdiction over the ministerial character of those sent here by District Synods and the right of Rev. A. Wieting to a seat as a delegate cannot be questioned.

The General Synod, however, has the right, and the duty is devolved upon it, by the Constitution, to give its opinion and to "advise such rules and regulations among Synods as may prevent unpleasant and unfriendly collisions." As such conduct is utterly subversive of good order and brotherly love, and must lead to serious difficulties between Synods, and disturb the peace and welfare of the Church, the committee recommend the adoption of the following standing resolution of the General Synod:

Resolved, That Christian courtesy between brethren and Synods, as well as ecclesiastical order and the peace and harmony of the Church, requires that the District Synods in the General Synod duly recognize each other's official acts.

J. A. BROWN,
GEO. DIEHL,
GEO. NEFF,
P. SAHM,
M. F. MARTENIS.

JUBILEE OFFERING OF R. B.

The President read to the Synod the following letter which had been placed in his hands :

HARRISBURG, MAY 9th.

To the General Synod :

Enclosed you will find \$200.00, as a Jubilee Offering, from a member of St. Mark's Church, Hanover, Pa.,—\$25.00 for the Memorial Church, Washington, D.C.; half that is left, for Foreign Missions; and the rest to be distributed wherever it is most needed. R. B.

Thereupon the annexed preamble and resolutions were offered, and unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

WHEREAS, The sum of two hundred dollars has been placed in the hands of this body as a Jubilee Offering from a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Hanover, Pa., with instructions that twenty-five dollars be appropriated to the Memorial Church of Washington, D. C., and one half of the remainder to the cause of Foreign Missions, leaving the balance of eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents at our disposal; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Synod are due, and are hereby presented, to the unknown donor (R. B.) for the liberal contribution thus made to the Jubilee fund.

Resolved, That this generous gift, and the delicate manner in which it was presented to the Church, claims the notice of our active membership and should provoke many to "go and do likewise."

Resolved, That the unappropriated balance be and the same is hereby placed in the treasury of the Home Missionary Society of this Synod.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions on the subject of Temperance were proposed, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It is the bounden duty of the Church of Christ to record its decided testimony against every evil, and to give its sanction and support to every moral reform which has the authority of God's Word to sustain it: and,

Whereas, Of all the moral evils which now curse the Church and our country, intemperance is the most wide-spread and the most destructive of everything which pertains to the present welfare and the future happiness of our race;

Resolved, That this General Synod feels called upon to express its warmest sympathy with the efforts which the friends of Temperance throughout our country are making at this time to cultivate a correct public sentiment in reference to the evils of intemperance.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Church to give its support in all judicious ways to all those laws which look to the curtailment of the traffic in intoxicating drinks.

Resolved, That this Synod feels called upon to bear its decided testimony against the license, which many of our legislative bodies seem disposed to give, to the sale of liquor on the Sabbath, thus opening the door for the increase of crime, and begetting such a disregard of the Divine law as must lead to the demoralization of the people, and the spread of a spirit of licentiousness which must ultimately result in the overthrow of our institutions.

The select committee to whom was entrusted the report of the Hymn Book Committee made the following report:

REPORT ON HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the report of Hymn Book Publishing Committee, respectfully state that upon examination of said report they find the same correct. The undersigned advise the adoption of the recommendation contained in the report that the arrangement entered into between the Committee and Board of Publication for the publishing of certain editions of the Hymn Book to be continued for two years longer, as such arrangement will conduce to the pecuniary interests of the General Synod without interfering with the proper publication of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. RAFF,
S. PHILSON,
WM. M. DETWILER.

Laid on the table for future reference.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

The following was offered and adopted in relation to a National Temperance Convention:

WHEREAS, A call has been issued, signed by leading Temperance men, for a National Convention of the friends of Temperance to meet at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 29th of July next; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod appoint through its President three delegates, with alternates, to attend the said Convention.

Committee.—Rev. J. Swartz, Rev. S. Sprecher, D.D., Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., *Primarii*; Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D., Rev. A. Buhrman, *Secundi*.

COMMITTEE ON DEATH OF DRs. KRAUTH, BAUGHER AND HARRISON.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a suitable memorial on the death of Drs. Krauth, Baugher and Harrison.

The President appointed as the

Committee.—Rev. G. Diehl, D.D., Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D., and Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D.

COMMITTEE ON THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

A resolution, calling for a committee to report on the Sunday-school work, was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Sunday-School is confessedly, in these latter days, both a glory and a power in the Church of Christ, and has become so related to the church that we feel as though it was now a necessity to her proper development; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report on this subject to the present meeting of the General Synod.

Committee.—Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D., and H. H. Roedel, M.D.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD.

It was now determined to enter into an election to fix the place for the next meeting of the General Synod.

Invitations were extended from Frederick, Md., and Cincinnati, O.

Judge R. W. Musgrave and Mr. C. Carmany were requested to act as tellers.

On counting the votes it was announced that Cincinnati was chosen.

TREASURER AUTHORIZED TO BORROW MONEY.

Mr. J. J. Cochran, of the Mileage Committee, stated that the claims for mileage amounted to \$2,000, that the Treasurer had in hand \$1,700, and that there would therefore yet be needed about \$300; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the balance needed.

The morning hour having expired, the Synod adjourned over the afternoon until to-morrow morning, to give place to the Publication Society.

Prayer by the Rev. J. W. Goodlin.

FIFTH DAY.

TUESDAY, A. M., 9 o'clock, May 12th.

The Synod was called to order by the President.

The 50th hymn being sung, Rev. A. A. Trimper offered prayer.

After the usual calling of the roll, the minutes were read and adopted.

TIME OF NEXT MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The business of fixing the time for the next convention of the Synod, postponed from yesterday, was taken up.

The election determined on the second Thursday of May, (13th,) 1869, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE GENERAL SYNOD'S TREASURY.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the expenses of the next meeting of the General Synod be raised by special collections in all the churches of the General Synod, and that the Secretary be requested to give notice of the time, according to the standing resolution of the Synod.

DELEGATES FROM PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY (N. S.)

The regular order of this morning was called up, but was, on motion, temporarily suspended to afford the delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.), Rev. H. E. Niles, an opportunity of addressing the Synod. The President received the credentials, introduced Mr. Niles to the Synod, and welcomed him to a seat, stating that as a delegate from a corresponding body he was permitted to participate in the deliberations, exclusive of voting and originating or seconding propositions.

The delegate then proceeded to address the Synod. The address was characterized by assurances of deep Christian sympathy, both from himself and the body he represented, and a hearty Christian purpose to co-operate with us in every noble effort for the glory of God and the salvation of men.

The President responded in a fraternal address of like happy spirit and expression.

REVISED CONSTITUTION FOR GENERAL SYNOD CONSIDERED.

The special order of business was then taken up, viz.: the consideration and adoption of the amendments to the Constitution for the Synod proposed by the committee of revision. The document was taken up by items.

PREAMBLE OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON CONSTITUTION.

The following Preamble, which prefaced the revised Constitution reported by the Committee and signed by them, was adopted:

WHEREAS, A revision of the Constitution of the General Synod was deemed necessary, and, at the Synod in Fort Wayne in 1866, the undersigned were appointed a committee to make such revision, we therefore do now respectfully present the following as the result of our labors.

S. W. HARKEY,
S. S. SCHMUCKER,
S. SPRECHER,
J. A. BROWN.

Several sections of the Constitution were discussed and adopted, when the hour of 12 o'clock arrived.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, to make room for the Foreign Missionary Society and the Publication Society this afternoon.

Prayer by Rev. V. F. Bolton.

SIXTH DAY.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, A. M., May 13th, 9 o'clock.

The President called the Synod to order.

After the singing of a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. A. Essick.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Committee on Correspondence with other Ecclesiastical Bodies not being ready to report, the election of corresponding delegates was deferred.

HYMN BOOK (PUBLISHING) COMMITTEE ELECTED.

Nominations were made for Hymn Book Committee, to consist of five laymen. Mr. E. C. Hannum and Dr. S. L. Endress were named as tellers. The election resulted as follows:

Committee.—Messrs. M. Buehler, C. Kugler, G. P. Ockershausen, J. Sulger, and H. Goodman.

GENERAL SYNOD'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION ELECTED.

An election was ordered for two persons to represent the General Synod in the Board of Publication. The tellers, Dr. W. White and Mr. E. G. Smyser, reported as elected: Rev. G. F. Stelling and Rev. C. A. Stork.

REPORT ON PASTORS' FUND.

Rev. E. W. Hutter, D. D., one of the Trustees of the Pastors' Fund, reported that at the meeting of the Society, two years ago, at Fort Wayne, he had received from Mr. L. L. Houpt, the former Treasurer, the assets of the Society, which he has carefully kept, and which are still in his possession. Owing to the peculiar composition of the Board of Trustees,—one-half of its number having been appointed from churches which soon after dissolved their connection with the General Synod,—no formal organization of the Board, nor indeed any meeting, had taken place during this interval of two years.

TRUSTEES OF PASTORS' FUND ELECTED.

The following named persons were elected Trustees of the Pastors' Fund: Rev. E. W. Hutter, D. D., Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., Mr. M. Buehler, Mr. A. G. Stein, and Mr. F. V. Beisel.

On motion, the Synod was temporarily adjourned to afford the Church Extension Society an opportunity to hold a meeting. Upon the adjournment of the Society the Synod resumed its session.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HARRISBURG.

The President having read a communication from the Young Men's Christian Association, the following was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, The members of this Synod have been invited by the Young Men's Christian Association to participate in the meeting to be held in the New School Presbyterian Church, Market Square, this evening, at 7½ o'clock; therefore,

Resolved, That we feel a deep interest in the objects aimed at by that Association, and would take pleasure in accepting the invitation, if practicable, to attend the meeting this evening, yet, on account of the pressure of business on hand, we deem it inexpedient to suspend the regular business of the Synod.

SICKNESS OF REV. JOSHUA EVANS.

The following preamble and resolutions were presented in reference to the sudden affliction, by sickness, of Rev. J. Evans, during his attendance upon this Synod:

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, Rev. Joshua Evans, a brother beloved in Christ, one of the delegates of the Susquehanna Synod to this convention of the General Synod, has been suddenly stricken down with sickness; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with sorrow of Brother Evans' illness, and that our sympathies and prayers are with him.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our warmest sympathies to the family and congregation of our dear brother, condoling with them in their affliction, and earnestly beseeching our Heavenly Father to sustain and comfort them in their season of sorrow.

Resolved, That we, as members of this General Synod, warned by this dispensation of Providence of the uncertainties of life, are exhorted to greater diligence and faithfulness in our labors, and reminded of the importance of "being always ready, as we know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh."

Unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON TRESSLER ORPHANS' HOME.

Rev. M. Officer read, for the committee, a report on the letter concerning the Orphans' Home, which had been referred to them:

Your Committee report that the paper placed in their hands is the Constitution of the Tressler Orphans' Home of the Lutheran Church of the General Synod, located at Loysville, Perry county, Pa. The plan of this Institution is to combine manual labor with mental and moral culture, and therefore it is proposed to purchase a large farm adjoining the present grounds of the Institution, so as to furnish the male portion of the inmates with suitable labor.

The Board of Trustees having the management of the Institution, is composed of representatives of all the Synods of the General Synod, which co-operate in the support of the Institution; and hence the way is open for all the Synods in the General Synod to participate in the management as well as the maintenance of this laudable enterprise.

The Constitution also provides that, in case this Institution, at any time hereafter, shall cease to be an orphans' home, then all the property belonging thereto shall pass into the possession of the General Synod, and shall be used by the Synod as an Academy for the education of young men and women. In view of the noble object of this Institution, and in view of the equitable provisions made for its government and support, your committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod heartily rejoices in the establishment of the Tressler Orphans' Home, and that it recommends to all the Synods in connection with the General Synod to co-operate, according to the provisions of the Constitution, in this commendable work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. OFFICER,
J. WINECOFF,
JOHN LUTZ.

The report, including the resolution contained therein, was adopted.

CONSTITUTION AND CHARTER OF TRESSLER ORPHANS' HOME.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I—*Of the Name and Object of this Institution.*

SEC. 1. This institution shall be known and designated by the name and title of the Tressler Orphans' Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America.

SEC. 2. The object and design of this institution is, and ever shall be, to provide a home for poor orphan children of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and such other poor orphan children as the Board will find the funds to justify; to have their temporal wants supplied; to educate them physically, intellectually, morally and religiously; and to extend over them a wholesome guardianship.

ART. II.—*Of the Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home.*

SEC. 1. This institution shall be under the control, management and care of a Board of Trustees, who shall be elected by the several Synods which contribute of their funds for the purchasing of the property for the use of the Orphans' Home, and obligate themselves thereafter for its support, according to the provisions in this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The Board of Trustees at present shall consist of two members, (one lay and one clerical) from each of the following Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz.: Synod of Central Pennsylvania, Allegheny Synod, West Pennsylvania Synod, and East Pennsylvania Synod, which have mutually agreed and obligated themselves, and do hereby, through their Trustees, agree and obligate themselves to pay their respective proportions of money for the buying of the Tressler Academy property; and also agree and obligate themselves hereafter to contribute their respective proportion of funds for the maintenance and education of the poor orphan children in the Home.

SEC. 3. Hereafter Trustees shall be admitted to membership in this Board from any Synod in connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America; provided that they give assurance to the Board, in existence and power at the time of their application, that the Synod or Synods, which they claim to represent, do obligate themselves to contribute a ratable proportion of money to defray the expenses of the institution.

SEC. 4. One half of all the Trustees, representing the several Synods in connection with this institution in the Board, shall at any time constitute a quorum.

SEC. 5. The Board shall choose from the number of its members a Chairman and Secretary, who shall serve for one year, but may be re-elected for any number of successive years; provided the Synod or Synods, whose representative they are, continue them in the Board. The duties of the chairman shall be to preside over the meetings of the Board, and in connection with the Secretary shall sign all instruments of writing requiring the signature of the Board. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the Board, and of the state of the Orphans' Home in a book provided for the purpose. It shall also be his duty to do all the correspondence of the Board, and sign, in connection with the Chairman, all instruments of writing requiring the signature of the Board.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall also be chosen by the Board, and may, or may not, be a member of it. He shall, however, be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America. He must be a man of approved reputation. He shall be chosen by the Board annually, but may be re-elected for any number of successive years. It shall be his duty to receive and expend the money of the institution according to the direction of the Board. He shall be required to keep a faithful account of all the moneys received and expended; and he shall also give an accurate report of the condition of the treasury to the Board at every annual meeting, and oftener if the Board require it. The Treasurer's book, report and vouchers shall be subject to a committee annually for examination. The Treasurer shall be required to enter into a bond with approved security to the Board of

Trustees, for a faithful and honest performance of his trust, to the amount of three thousand dollars, or more, if the Board require it.

ART. III.—*Of the Meetings of the Board.*

SEC. 1. The Board of Trustees shall be required to meet annually at the Orphans' Home, for the transaction of business. A special meeting shall at any time be called whenever required by two of the Trustees. All meetings shall be called by the Chairman. Three weeks' previous notice shall be given of every meeting in two of the church papers, in circulation within the bounds and among the members of the Synods belonging to the General Synod in the United States of America, or by the Secretary addressing every Trustee individually. The Board shall always have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in any of the offices of the institution, except that of Trustee.

ART. IV.—*Of Synods' Representation in the Board.*

SEC. 1. Synods which at this time are in connection with the Tressler Orphan Home, and those which may hereafter become connected with it, according to the provisions and regulations of this Constitution, shall have the following representations in the Board of Trustees:

Twelve ordained ministers in a Synod shall entitle it to two Trustees, (one lay and one clerical.) Thirty ordained ministers in a Synod shall entitle it to four Trustees, (two lay and two clerical.) Sixty or more ordained ministers in a Synod shall entitle it to six Trustees, (three lay and three clerical.)

SEC. 2. The funds to be raised and furnished by the several Synods in connection with the Orphans' Home shall be proportioned according to the number of ministers in each Synod: and any funds received from persons or sources outside of these Synods, shall in the same manner be accredited.

SEC. 3. The manner in which the Trustees shall be elected, and the number of years they shall serve, shall be at the option of each Synod electing them. But the Trustees elected by the different Synods represented in the Board, shall be required to present written certificates, signed by the President and Secretary of the Synods to which they respectively belong, before they shall be admitted as members of the Board. Every Trustee shall, at his matriculation, be required to subscribe to the Constitution.

SEC. 4. Any Synod or Synods neglecting, or refusing, either to send Trustees to represent them in the Board, or to contribute to the support of the institution in accordance with the specifications of the Constitution, for two successive years, shall forfeit thereby their claim, right, and title in the Orphans' Home.

SEC. 5. In case it should so occur, in the course of time and events, that the several Synods, which now hold and may hereafter hold the Tressler Academy property in their possession for the use of an Orphans' Home, as stated in this Constitution, shall cease to have an Orphans' Home kept in the Tressler Academy, then upon that event, or occurrence, the whole property shall become the property of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, and shall by said Synod be used as an academy for the education of young men and women, under the instruction of teachers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ART. V.—Of the Superintendent, Teachers, and Steward of the Home and School.

SEC. 1. The Superintendent, Teachers, and Steward must be members of the Lutheran Church of the General Synod, of good moral and religious character, and competently qualified for the several situations to be occupied by them.

SEC. 2. The duties of the Superintendent shall be to assist in the instruction of the school; to have the supervision and management of the Home; to employ the Steward and Teachers; and to provide all necessities for it, according to the instruction and direction of the Board.

SEC. 3. The Teachers must be members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. They must have an approved moral and religious character, and be competently qualified to teach. The salaries of the Superintendent and all other persons employed in the institution shall be determined and agreed upon by the Board of Trustees in written contracts.

ART. VI.—Of the Children to be admitted into the Orphans' Home.

SEC. 1. Application for the admission of children into the Home must be made to the Board by reliable persons. The applicant or applicants must make a satisfactory statement of the condition of the children. Poor orphan children only who have no funds, or means of their own, and no available source from which they can obtain means for their support and education, shall be received into the Home. They must be free from contagious diseases.

SEC. 2. In case any child should prove incorrigible, the Board shall dismiss it from the Home to the applicant or applicants, and if he or they refuse to take the child, then the Board of Trustees shall send it to the House of Correction.

ART. VII.—Of the Education of the Children.

The children shall be taught in all the branches of a good and thorough English education. They shall be thoroughly educated in the doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as held by the General Synod. And they may, when of a suitable age, and have suitable qualifications, be received as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church by the ordinance of baptism, or the rite of confirmation.

ART. VIII.—Miscellaneous Matters.

SEC. 1. The Board of Trustees shall have power, at any regular meeting, to enact and adopt such By-Laws, not conflicting with this Constitution, or any of its regulations, or provisions, as may be deemed necessary for the government and successful management of the Orphans' Home. Such By-Laws shall be binding and obligatory on all whom they may concern, the same as the Constitution, as long as they are not repealed.

SEC. 2. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Trustees. The intention of such alteration or amendment must be announced; and the particular part or parts to be altered or amended must be specifically stated a year previous.

CHARTER

Granted by the Court of Perry County, Pennsylvania.

And now to wit, the sixth of January, A. D. 1868, it appearing to the Court, that notice of the application for said charter of incorporation has been regularly given by the Prothonotary, by advertisement published in the Perry County *Democrat* (a paper printed in said county of Perry,) for three weeks previous to this term, according to law, and no reason being shown to the contrary; the Court do decree and declare, that the persons so aforesaid shall, according to the articles and conditions in this instrument set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic; and further direct, that the said charter of incorporation shall be recorded in the Office for the Recording of Deeds of said county of Perry; and on said instrument being so recorded, the persons so associated or meaning to associate, shall, according to the object, articles, and conditions in said instrument set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic in law and fact; to have continuance by the name, style, and title of the "Tressler Orphans' Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America."

REVISED CONSTITUTION OF GENERAL SYNOD RESUMED.

The business pending from the preceding session was taken up, viz.: the consideration of the Revised Constitution for the Synod.

On motion,

Resolved, That no member of the Synod shall be allowed, during the remainder of the present convention, to speak more than ten minutes on any one item of business.

When Section 3, of Article II., was adopted, which was done with entire unanimity, by a rising vote, the Synod united in singing the doxology,

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Pending the further discussion of the document, the Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg.

SIXTH DAY.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. J. R. Dimm.

The minutes were read and pronounced correct.

The order of business was suspended to hear the report of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society.

EVENING SESSION ORDERED.

On motion,

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 7½ o'clock this evening; and that the order of business for that hour be the report of the Committees on the Jubilee, and on the State of the Church.

REVISED CONSTITUTION OF GENERAL SYNOD RESUMED.

The report of the Committee on Revising the Constitution of the General Synod, pending from the morning session, was again taken up.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

The proposed Constitution was examined, amended, and adopted, *seriatim*, to the end, and then adopted as a whole, as follows:

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD AT HARRISBURG, AND NOW SUBMITTED TO THE SEVERAL DISTRICT SYNODS FOR THEIR "DECISION."

PREAMBLE.

Jesus Christ, the Supreme Head of His Church, having prescribed no entire specific directory for its government and discipline, and every section of His Church being left at liberty to make such regulations additional to those found in the Scriptures, as are in harmony with the word of God, and best adapted to its situation and circumstances; therefore, relying upon God our Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit in the word of God, for the promotion of the practice of brotherly love, to the furtherance of Christian concord, to the firm establishment and continuance of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and for the accomplishment of the grand design for which the Church of Christ was established on earth,—We, the Evangelical Lutheran Synods connected with the General Synod, for ourselves and our successors, do adopt the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name, style, and title of this body shall be: "THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The General Synod shall consist of the Clerical and Lay Delegates from the several District Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States which are now connected with it, or may hereafter join

themselves thereunto, and who shall be duly acknowledged as members thereof in the following ratio, namely :

Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod, containing eight ministers, may send one ; if it contain sixteen, two ; if twenty-four, three ; if thirty-two, four ; if forty, five ; if fifty-five, six ; if seventy, seven ; if eighty-five, eight ; and if it contain one hundred and upwards, nine delegates of the rank of ordained ministers, and an equal number of lay delegates. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay representative.

SECTION 2. Each delegate appearing in the General Synod, according to this ratio shall enjoy equal rights and privileges in the transaction of its business. Each Synod may choose its delegates in such manner as to it may seem proper, and shall pay the traveling expenses of the same to and from the General Synod, unless the General Synod itself shall otherwise provide.

SECTION 3. All regularly constituted Lutheran Synods, not now in connection with the General Synod, receiving and holding with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of our fathers the word of God, as contained in the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession, as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine word and of the faith of our Church founded upon that word, may at any time become associated with the General Synod, by adopting this Constitution, and sending delegates to its convention according to the ratio specified in section first of this article.

SECTION 4. Should the delegates of any District Synod withdraw from the sessions of the General Synod without the consent of a majority of the members of the body, and such withdrawal be sanctioned by their Synod ; or should any Synod, without being excused by the General Synod, decline sending delegates, such Synod shall be considered as having severed its connection with the General Synod, and its delegates can only be again received as those of a newly-applying Synod.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The delegates to the General Synod shall, at each meeting, choose by ballot, from among their own number, a President and Secretary ; and, from among their own number or elsewhere, a Treasurer. These officers shall continue in office until the next meeting of the Synod, and until others are chosen in their stead. The same person is at all times re-eligible as Secretary or Treasurer ; but no one may be elected President except an ordained minister, nor more than twice in succession.

SECTION 2. The President shall act as chairman of the Synod, and may take part in the discussions, and vote as any other member, but shall not originate motions. He shall subscribe all letters, written advices, resolutions, and proceedings of the Synod. In extraordinary cases, and by request of any one or more of the acknowledged Synods, or by a respectable number of the ministers or churches connected with the General Synod, he may convene the delegates of the General Synod in special session. In case the business of the Secretary becomes too burdensome for one person to execute, he shall, with the concurrence of the Secretary, appoint an Assistant Secretary, and make known to him what portion of the labor he is to undertake.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings, write, attest, and take care of all the documents and writings, publish the time and place of the meeting of the Synod in the papers of the church, at least two months beforehand, and, in case of a special meeting, he shall give written notice thereof to the President of each of the District Synods, immediately upon the issue of the call for such special meeting.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys of the Synod, and shall keep a faithful account of the same, which must be submitted at each meeting of the General Synod. At its pleasure he may also be required to give bond and security for the faithful performance of his trust. He shall pay out moneys only in pursuance of a resolution of Synod, or upon an order of the President attested by the Secretary.

SECTION 5. Should any officer of the Synod, in the intermediate time of the assembling of the body, depart this life, resign his office, or become incapable of executing the same, then the remaining officers shall appoint some capable and faithful man in his place, until the next meeting of the General Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

The General Synod, as the highest Ecclesiastical Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches connected with it through their District Synods, shall have the control of all those interests of the Church which are of a general character. The powers more specifically intrusted to the General Synod are chiefly the following:

SECTION 1. The General Synod shall examine the proceedings of the District Synods belonging to it, in order that it may obtain a knowledge of the existing state of the Church; and it may publish the statistics of the Church, and reports on the state of religion; with such plans and recommendations for the promotion of the kingdom of Christ, at home and abroad, as it shall deem proper. The District Synods shall, therefore, transmit to it regularly several copies of the proceedings of their annual conventions.

SECTION 2. The General Synod shall be charged with the duty of providing the books or writings to be used in the public worship of the Church, and in the catechetical instruction of the young, such as Liturgies, Hymn Books, and Catechisms; and no District Synod shall, without the sanction of the General Synod, publish or recommend books of this kind other than those furnished by the General Synod.

SECTION 3. The General Synod, as the representative body of all the Synods connected therewith, shall make provision for the general missionary and benevolent operations of the Church, such as Home and Foreign Missions, Church Extension, providing a Church Literature, founding and maintaining institutions for the support of poor and disabled ministers and their widows and orphans, and other general benevolent and charitable institutions. It shall use all its power and means to unite, foster, and make efficient these operations of the Church.

SECTION 4. To accomplish these ends, the General Synod shall, whenever deemed practicable and expedient, create and perpetuate such Boards of Managers as it may consider necessary efficiently to carry forward these operations of the Church, and determine the number of members of each, and the

time of their continuance in office, and assign to each Board its appropriate work and duties. These Boards shall always be subject to and under the control of the General Synod.

SECTION 5. Each Board thus created, acting under the control and by the authority of the General Synod, shall make the regulations necessary for the management of its own affairs, shall appoint its own officers, shall keep full and correct minutes of its proceedings, and shall make report of the same at each meeting of the General Synod. For the greater security of the funds and property which may at any time be intrusted to these Boards, any one or all of them shall, at the request of the General Synod, obtain acts of incorporation, and the Treasurers of the same shall give suitable bonds for the faithful performance of their duties.

SECTION 6. The General Synod may also institute and create a treasury for the efficient advancement of its purposes.

SECTION 7. The General Synod shall also advise the adoption of such rules and regulations among the several Synods as may prevent unpleasant and unfriendly collisions that might otherwise arise out of any difference of opinion existing among them, or from any other causes, and it shall apply all its powers, prayers, and means for the prevention of schisms among us—it shall be sedulously and incessantly regardful of the circumstances of the times, and of every casual rise and progress of unity of sentiment among Christians in general, in order that the blessed opportunities to promote concord and unity, and the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, may not pass by neglected and unavailing.

SECTION 8. The General Synod may give advice or opinion, when complaints shall be brought before them, by whole Synods, Ministeriums, Congregations, or individual Ministers or Laymen, concerning doctrine or discipline. They shall, however, be extremely careful that the consciences of ministers of the Gospel be not burdened with human inventions, laws, or devices, and that no one be oppressed by reason of differences of opinion on non-fundamental doctrines.

SECTION 9. If differences of Synods be referred, the votes thereon shall be taken by Synods, and the referring Synods shall have no vote.

ARTICLE V.

The order of business shall be regulated by the By-Laws and Standing Rules, except as follows:

SECTION 1. A majority of Delegates appearing with proper credentials shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 2. The General Synod shall appoint, by ballot, the time and place of the next convention; observing, at all times, however, that one meeting, at least, be held every two years.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. The General Synod may make whatever By-Laws it may deem necessary, provided only that they do not contradict the spirit of this Constitution.

SECTION 2. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made, except by the

consent of two-thirds of the Synods attached to the General Synod. An exact copy of the intended alterations must be sent by the Secretary to the Presidents of the District Synods in connection with this body, with the request that they submit them to their respective Synods for decision. And if, at the subsequent meeting of the General Synod, it shall appear from their minutes that two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alterations, they shall be declared adopted.

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE CONSTITUTION FOR THE PRESS.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That Rev. Drs. E. W. Hutter and L. E. Albert act in conjunction with the Secretary to prepare the amended Constitution for the press.

PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING OF CONSTITUTION.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to publish three hundred extra copies of the amended Constitution, and send at least ten copies to the President or Secretary of each District Synod.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

The committee on the Treasurer's Report reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, A. F. Ockershausen, Esq., beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and found it correct. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer at this date is \$1,680.80. Your committee are pleased to observe the increasing amount contributed by individual congregations towards the defraying of the expenses connected with the meeting of the General Synod, and trust that the time is not far distant when by this method alone the expenses will be fully met.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER E. ALBERT,
MARTIN BUEHLER,
VALENTINE F. BOLTON,
D. L. TRESSLER,
N. HODGE.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON ECCLESIASTICAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Correspondence reported:

The Committee on Correspondence with other Ecclesiastical Bodies, beg leave to present the following nominations:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church: Rev. A. H. Lochman, D.D., Principal; Rev. M. Valentine, D.D., Alternate.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (New School), Rev. G. F. Stelling, Principal; Rev. G. W. Halderman, Alternate.

To the Northern Provincial Synod of the Church of the United Brethren (Moravians): Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D.D., Principal; Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D., Alternate.

To the Evangelical Church Union of the West: Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D., Principal; Rev. C. Kuhl, Alternate.

Your committee, in view of the duty enjoined upon the General Synod by its Constitution, "to be regardful of the circumstances of the times, and of every casual rise of unity of sentiment among Christians," suggest that this body now take the initiatory step to establish fraternal relations with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Old School), and that the Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., be and he is hereby appointed to make known to that body the desire of the General Synod to enter into ecclesiastical correspondence with it.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. CONRAD,
L. M. KUHN,
HUGH WELLS,
R. A. FINK,
A. ESSICK.

The report was approved.

PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE REFORMED (DUTCH) CHURCH.

On motion, the following proposition was offered:

Resolved, That in conformity with the language of the Constitution of the General Synod, "to be regardful of the circumstances of the times, and of every casual rise of unity and sentiment among Christians," the Rev. Prof. W. N. Scholl, D.D., be hereby appointed to express to the General Synod of the Protestant Reformed (Dutch) Church in the United States the desire of this General Synod to establish correspondence with that body.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

ON CORRESPONDENCE OF OUR SYNODS WITH CONGREGATIONALISTS.

The following was, on motion, presented:

WHEREAS, The Associations of (Orthodox) Congregational ministers of the State of Ohio have elected delegates to represent them at the meetings of the different Synods in Ohio connected with the General Synod, with a view of encouraging a friendly correspondence between us and the church they represent; therefore,

Resolved, That we hail with unmingled pleasure this manifestation of kindly feeling on the part of our Congregational brethren.

ren, that we most heartily reciprocate their brotherly intentions, and that we encourage the interchange of delegates with them by our district Synods.

Unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT ON LUTHER'S SMALLER CATECHISM.

The standing committee on developing Luther's Smaller Catechism, appointed in 1866, as appears in printed Minutes, page 50, reported progress:

The Committee appointed to prepare a more specific and detailed development of Luther's Smaller Catechism, beg leave to present the following:

That they have nearly completed the work, but that they have not had the time to make the necessary examination in combination, to enable them to present the Catechism in a finished form at present, and, therefore, respectfully request further time to complete their work.

F. W. CONRAD,
M. SHEELEIGH,
CHARLES A. HAY.

The report was adopted and the committee continued.

REPORT OF LITURGICAL COMMITTEE.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown, for the Liturgical Committee, read a report on the form of public service.

The report was laid on the table, and the committee discharged.

A motion was made that a Liturgical Committee of five members be appointed, to prepare a form of worship for Sabbath morning service, and for the Lord's Supper and Baptism, so that the pastors may have it in their hands at an early day.

Pending the discussion, the hour of adjournment arrived. Adjourned to 7½ o'clock this evening.

Prayer by Rev. G. Neff.

SIXTH DAY.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock, May 13th.

At the appointed time the President called the house to order, requested a voluntary on the organ, and directed the singing of the 530th hymn—

“Hark! the song of Jubilee.”

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. Henry.

The proceedings of the afternoon were read and adopted.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In presenting its report on the State of the Church, your Committee is reminded, at the very first, of the fact that the period it is intended to cover, since the last meeting of the General Synod, has formed a crisis of peculiar interest to our Lutheran Zion, and must appear as a marked stage in its development. We have been compelled to see the withdrawal of the Synod of Pennsylvania, the Minnesota Synod, the English Synod of Ohio, and portions of three other Synods, from their connection with us, attended with a vigorous and carefully organized effort to overthrow the General Synod, and arrest the progress of our Church in the line of the true historic Lutheranism to which this body is devoted. It must, however, be recorded with devout gratitude, that the great Head of the Church has been pleased to arrest the proposed work of disorganization, and restrain it within comparatively small limits. That but three entire Synods, and parts of three others, have thus seceded from us, and been led into the narrow and intolerant particularity of Lutheranism now attempted to be combined in this country, in opposition to the true spirit and life of our Church, must be looked upon as one important fact of strength, in a proper estimate of the state of the Church here represented. As the withdrawing portions were, probably, never cordially and fully with us, gladly as the Church would have retained their co-operation, their separation can hardly be considered as a diminution of our power and working efficiency. Abundant confirmation of this has been given in the facts developed in the course of our present meeting, as well as in the papers before us. Under the law of compensation, we rejoice to be able to see in the unity, peace and harmony now among us, the attainment of a more compact and effective working power.

The life and condition of the Church, in the Synods here represented, will be best exhibited in a view of some particulars.

I.—ATTENDANCE ON THE MEANS OF GRACE.

The reports from the different Synods authorize the statement, that our churches, during the last two years, have been blessed with an increased attendance on the public worship and ordinances of the sanctuary. Larger and still larger numbers of persons are coming under the regular preaching of the word. Catechetical instruction, in its true conception, may be regarded as restored to its true place among us. Prayer meetings, in which the laity agree as touching the things they should ask, continue to bless our churches. Whilst this use of the means of grace, and engagement in the devotions of God's house, do not in themselves constitute religion, we are permitted to regard them as among its proper and necessary manifestations, and as tokens of quickened spiritual life and condition of progress in the Church.

II.—INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP.

The Synodical statistics before us present evidence of encouraging accessions to the membership of our churches. Though the aggressive power of

the Church upon the world has not been what it should be, there is reason for the cheering belief that some ground has been gained. From many parts have come reports of special refreshings and ingatherings. Your Committee recognize in revivals the Church's power of rapid success and triumph, and present it as a cheering fact that lately God has been pleased to multiply these seasons of aggressive victory. Separating them from fanaticism and disorder, and not allowing their occurrence to lower the sense of the importance of the ordinary and regular services of the sanctuary, the Church is encouraged to a more faithful preaching of the word, and use of the means of grace, in the confident trust that God will pour out His Spirit, and repeat the Pentecostal power of the saving Gospel.

III.—MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

The statistics of the several Synods indicate a new energy in the Home Mission work. Many missionaries are reported as being at work in the bounds of the several Synods. The work of the Home Missionary Society has been reported as prosperous elsewhere. The churches have been more widely and intelligently aroused to the great needs of the vast fields of the West, and the responsibilities of our Church in the important work of evangelizing the masses of Lutheran descent and attachments that are filling up our land.

It is to be regretted that the interest of the churches in the Foreign Mission work has been so languid. The appeals made so urgently by the executive committee of the Foreign Missionary Society have met apparently with but feeble response. The Church needs to be aroused to give new heed to the command of her Master, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Cheering progress is reported in the building and repair of very many church edifices in the various Synods.

We may report a very large increase of energy in those activities of the Church that terminate in the home field. We are growing largely in our own borders, and may look for a new infusion of life into the Foreign work.

IV.—BENEVOLENCE.

The benevolent operations of the Church have been greatly increased during the past two years. Almost every Synod reports an increase of liberality among its churches. Some speak of a slow and steady increase; others of a large accession of zeal in this line. Throughout the Church there are indications that the great backwardness which has hitherto characterized our Church in this line is giving place to a deeper sense of responsibility and a practical acknowledgment that the silver and gold are also the Lord's. But there remain yet great improvements to be made. The Home Missionary field, the Church Extension Society, our Colleges and Seminaries are calling for help. May we not hope—should we not pray—that the Lord may open the hearts of his people to do liberal things for our Zion in this Jubilee year?

V.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND CATECHISATION.

The past two years have been a period of unusual activity in the Sunday-

school work throughout the whole Church. Our Church has shared largely in this new access of zeal. Our Sunday-schools have grown throughout all our Churches in numbers and efficiency. They are assuming a new and greater importance in the eyes of ministers and Synods. This, however, has not been to the neglect of our time-honored and invaluable practice of catechisation. Many Synods speak of a great revival of interest in this important institution, and a resumption of the custom in places where it had fallen into disuse or neglect. Many of the most extensive revivals of religion, that have marked the history of our Church in the past two years, had their origin in the exercises of the catechetical classes.

VI.—THEOLOGICAL AND LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Our Colleges and Theological Seminaries have been largely increased in strength by endowment, increase of the number of students and renewed confidence of the churches. In view of the remarkable seasons of revival enjoyed in many of our churches, these are cheerful promises of a great increase of students having the ministry in view at our various institutions of learning.

VII.—NEEDS.

Though our hearts are cheered with the good tidings that come to us from every part of the Church—with the signs of new life, new interest in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, new activities and large accessions of number, increase of benevolent contributions and revivals of religion—we have yet great needs that it behooves us to make known to the Church, that she may seek their supply.

1. *We need Ministers of the Gospel*.—Our Home Mission operations are sadly crippled for want of men. We need men here even more than money: fit men would bring the means. We need men for the extension of our church in our own borders; congregations overburdened with numbers, churches too unwieldly and far separated call for division, but we can neither colonize nor divide as need calls for each minister of the word. Our Foreign Missions call for men. Our Literary and Theological Seminaries call for fit men. May the great Head of the Church awake his people, that they may devote their children to his service in the work of the ministry! It needs that the pastors present this want urgently and continuously, that the attention of young men entering the fold of the Church may be called to ask themselves, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

2. *Liberality in benevolent operations*.—Our mission fields at home and abroad call for more liberal contributions. Important fields are opened to us, points of influence have been secured, great prospects of growth open to our Church; but these fields require large and liberal support. Our people must feel that a new measure of liberality is demanded. In view of the numbers of beneficiaries that the late revivals will, in all probability, bring to our institutions, it is highly necessary that our education funds be greatly increased. We need that our Colleges and Seminaries should be fully endowed. The Publication Society asks for new encouragement and the means of an enlarged efficiency. As many of the Synods have passed resolutions and adopted

measures looking to a greatly enlarged liberality to the several benevolent operations of the Church during the present Jubilee year, we may confidently look for a great augmentation of the funds of all our benevolent institutions and societies.

3. *We need to cast ourselves* as a Church more heartily into the great currents of concerted Christian attack on the kingdom of darkness and sin in the world. We have long been lagging in this work. Now that we are delivered from the incubus that has been upon us, it becomes us that we take that place in the foremost ranks of universal and concerted Christian activity that becomes the great Church of the Reformation. We need to reproduce in every member of our Church the sense of personal responsibility as a Christian soldier, and of personal obligation as a witness for Jesus, that characterized the early Church. We need to reassert the great Lutheran doctrine of the universal priesthood of believers, and arouse our people to the solemn and inspiring truth that every one is called in his place, and according to his opportunities, to preach Christ and him crucified.

We congratulate the Church that she is free to run in this glorious race. Stripped of old incumbrances, united in spirit and aim, and in full sympathy with sister churches of Christ, she rises to a new plane of activity. The course is before her, but she must, as we trust she will, have a new measure of consecration, of activity, of liberality. Her past can be no measure for her future. May the Master grant her a new baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost, that she may rise to the measure of her great trust.

Respectfully submitted,

M. VALENTINE,
C. A. STORK,
A. H. LOCHMAN,
W. N. SCHOLL,
G. NEFF,
P. SHEEDER,
J. SWARTZ,
J. W. GOODLIN,
A. R. HOWBERT,
E. MILLER,
J. D. SEVERINGHAUS,

C. W. SANDERS,
J. H. W. STUCKENBERG,
P. SAHM,
W. WALTMAN,
D. SPRECHER,
A. M. GEIGER,
R. WEISER,
M. F. MARTENIS,
P. S. CROSS,
G. PARSON.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON JUBILEE OF THE GREAT REFORMATION, READ.

Rev. Prof. H. R. Geiger read a report on behalf of Committee on the Jubilee of the Great Reformation.

Laid over for further action.

ADDRESSES.

A number of stirring addresses were then made in relation to the blessed Reformation of religion in the sixteenth century, and the great things that have thence resulted as a glorious

inheritance to the whole Christian world, and especially to the Lutheran Church.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. Sheeder, and singing the doxology.

SEVENTH DAY.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, A.M., May 13th, 9 o'clock.

After the usual prayer meeting of half an hour, the business session was opened with singing, and by uniting in prayer with Rev. E. Miller.

The roll was called, and the minutes were read and confirmed.

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

The resolution pending from yesterday, in relation to appointing a Liturgic Committee, was amended so as to read thus :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the Liturgy, and that the President name the members thereof at his convenience.

Adopted.

Committee.—Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D., Rev. T. Stork, D.D., Rev. J. G. Butler.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL ON DRs. KRAUTH, BAUGHER AND HARRISON.

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial on the deaths of Rev. Drs. Krauth, Baugher and Harrison presented, through Rev. Dr. Diehl, the following report :

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from the labors of the Church on earth to their heavenly rest, our beloved and venerated brethren and fathers, Drs. Harrison, Krauth and Baugher; therefore,

Resolved, That we feel deeply the loss of Dr. W. H. Harrison, who was for many years pastor in Cincinnati, a pious, earnest and excellent minister of the Gospel, and who was called away in the prime of life; of Dr. C. P. Krauth, Professor of Theology in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, a most saintly and venerable man, a learned and able Professor of Theology, and an eloquent preacher of the Gospel; of Dr. H. L. Baugher, a sincere and

earnest Christian, an excellent preacher and an energetic and efficient President of Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg.

Resolved, That while we submit to this chastening dispensation, and deplore the loss of the Church, we are yet devoutly thankful that the great Head of the Church had endowed these brethren with gifts and graces so various, afforded them opportunities of usefulness so abundant, and preserved their lives so long.

Resolved, That we tender our condolence and earnest sympathies to their afflicted families, and commend them to the divine grace and consolation of our Saviour.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to their bereaved families and to the publishers of our several church papers.

G. DIEHL,
F. W. CONRAD,
L. E. ALBERT.

The report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

REPORT ON A GERMAN HYMN BOOK.

Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg reported for the Committee on German Hymn Book:

Your Committee, appointed to prepare a Hymn Book for the German Churches of the General Synod, report: That they have canvassed the subject and have come to the conclusion that, under present circumstances, they do not propose any material change in the Hymn Book already largely introduced into our churches, and having the recommendation of several Synods, namely, the *Evangelisch Lutherische Kirchenlieder*. The Committee are of opinion that this book is the best of any now before the Church. The only change they would like to make, if it were in their power, would be to cut down the long hymns to an ordinary number of stanzas, and so arrange the form of the hymns that each strain may also commence a new line, as is the case in poetry generally.

In view of all the circumstances your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That this General Synod recommends to its German churches the Evangelical Lutheran Hymn Book published by Mrs. Wollenweber, of Philadelphia, and prepared by a Committee of different Synods, with Dr. Demme as chairman.

Resolved, That this committee be continued, to make such arrangements with the publisher as may be advantageous to the General Synod, and also, to further take into consideration (and, if found practicable, to effect,) such changes as are intimated in the above suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. LOCHMAN,
J. D. SEVERINGHAUS,
J. H. W. STUCKENBERG,
G. H. BRANDAU,
J. WINECOFF.

The report was adopted.

F REPORT RELATIVE TO STATE OF CHURCH IN MINNESOTA.

Rev. E. Miller presented a report for the committee to whom were referred letters concerning Minnesota churches.

The Committee to whom were referred two communications on the state of the Lutheran Church in Minnesota, would beg leave to state, that one of said communications contains several statements bearing upon the prospects of the General Synod in that new but rapidly growing State. The writer, Rev. George A. Exline, represents that a large portion of the Scandinavians settled there have no connection with either the General Synod, or the General Council, being dissatisfied with the General Synod on account of its supposed radicalism; and with the General Council, on account of its supposed Romanizing tendencies. Also that the German Lutherans in that State have united with the General Council, but that many of their children, receiving an American education, cannot harmonize with the peculiar church spirit prevailing among them, and will seek a home in other Protestant bodies. Finally, that the writer knows of only three small congregations that desire to stand on the basis of the General Synod, all of which are under his own personal care.

As the General Synod cannot, as such, take any special action in reference to these facts, your committee would recommend that the letter of Mr. Exline be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society, with instructions to take it into such consideration as the case may require and their circumstances admit.

The other is a letter from a worthy layman, recently removed from one of our Eastern Churches to Minnesota, making inquiry whether aid could be furnished by the Church Extension Society toward the building of a house of worship in Fillmore county, of that State.

The facts presented seem to authorize the General Synod to commend any application, properly made from that quarter, to the favorable regard of the Executive Committee of the Church Extension Society.

Respectfully submitted,

EPHRAIM MILLER,
G. H. BRANDAU,
A. ESSICK.

The report was considered and adopted.

REPORT ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT GETTYSBURG.

The following report on the General Synod's Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, was read by the Rev. Dr. W. M. Baum, for Rev. Dr. A. H. Lochman, President of the Board of Directors:

According to the provision of the Constitution, it becomes my duty, as President of the Board of Directors, to present a report of the condition of

the Seminary to each successive session of the General Synod. In accordance with this provision, I beg leave respectfully to submit the following :

This time-honored Institution has in days past been signally honored and blessed of God. He has stamped upon it the seal of his approbation and favor, and made it an instrumentality of great good to the Church, which cannot be ignored, and is gratefully acknowledged in every section of our beloved Zion. Many have been compelled, in view of the past, to thank God and, in view of the future, to take courage.

Since our last report it has pleased God to remove Dr. C. P. Krauth, one of our ablest Professors, one whose memory we all cherish with fond delight, who, in his Christian deportment, his faithful labors, his devotedness to the interests of the Institution and the Church, has enshrined his memory in the warm heart-affections of all who knew him. He died with his harness on, and in a joyful hope of the glory that awaits the good and faithful. His death was calm, his end peace, and his works do follow him.

The men whom the Church has called to the different professorships in our beloved Institution are in every respect qualified for their position, whose ability, piety and devotedness to the interests of the Institution and Church cannot be called into question. They are men long known to the Church, good men and true, faithful to the doctrinal stand-point of the General Synod, and well deserve the confidence of the Church. In consequence of unavoidable adverse influences the number of students has not been as large as desirable, yet it will compare favorably with the catalogue of former years. During the last year ten ministers have been furnished to the Church, who are now all actively engaged in the Master's cause, in winning souls to Christ and building up the walls of our beloved Zion. The dark clouds which have been lowering over the Institution are, however, happily passing over, and a brighter and more hopeful day is beginning to dawn. I have been creditably informed that there are now in the different classes in the College between sixty and seventy young men who have the ministry in view, most of whom at the termination of their college course will enter the Seminary. A brighter future is before us.

The professors' houses have been enlarged and thoroughly repaired. I am not ready to give the correct statement of the financial condition of the Institution, but considerable progress has been made in this direction, yet the endowment is not what it ought to be. We need a fund for repairs in the building, which are very necessary and pressing at present. We need, also, some funds for the increase of the library and for other contingencies, and we hope and pray that the Church, in view of what God has accomplished through its instrumentality, will rally round this parent Institution and make it an Institution worthy of the Church, and of the General Synod, whose offspring it is and under whose fostering care it is placed.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Committee on Literary and Theological Institutions beg leave to present the following collection of reports furnished by representatives of the several institutions named :

1. Hartwick Seminary, State of New York.

For more than half a century this Seminary has been doing a good work; and, by the continued favor of the Lord, it will effect greater things in the future. The Semi-Centennial of August, 1866, marks an epoch in the history of this Institution not to be forgotten. An Alumni Professorship was inaugurated, which by due effort will be completed in season. A Memorial Volume, the product of this meeting, beautiful and valuable, is widely circulating, and is being read with satisfaction and profit.

Old buildings have been replaced by large, more commodious and attractive ones. A railroad running through the Susquehanna Valley, and near the buildings, is now being constructed, bringing us into connection with the great thoroughfares of our land. The regular instructions, partially interrupted for a season, will be resumed in the autumn, with renewed life and most encouraging prospects.

The work of endowment is steadily progressing; for God has owned it as his, and has signally blessed it. Much larger subscriptions can now be secured than were thought of three years ago; the spirit of benevolence has increased, and thousands of dollars more may be expected. The belief is now cherished that, through donations and legacies, the Seminary will be fully endowed, and the work of education successfully prosecuted.

Difficulties are passing away before the face of well directed, persistent and believing effort, and every thing within the reach of possibilities may be attained. All things are possible to them that believe; and God shall in all places be honored by those who put their trust in him. Men are needed for the great battle of life, in the conflict between truth and error—Christ and Belial; and from this Institution hundreds will go forth, properly qualified, by whom the name of God shall be magnified, and multitudes shall be saved.

2. Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.

Pennsylvania College was established in 1832, and has since that period been in successful operation. Its progress has been such as to gratify the most sanguine expectations of its friends. It has enjoyed the confidence of the public, and proved a blessing to the Church. In almost every State of the Union, its representatives are to be found, making an impression upon the community, and exerting an influence for good.

Founded in prayer and faith, with the primary design of bringing cultivated intellect into the service of the Church, of furnishing facilities by which men might be thoroughly educated and fitted for the ministry of reconciliation, it has not, with God's blessing resting upon its operations, failed in the object.

During the past year there have been connected with the Institution nearly two hundred students—a larger number than at any previous period in its history. Of these, more than one-half are communicant members of the Church, and upwards of seventy have resolved to devote themselves to the Gospel ministry. Last winter a most precious season of religious interest was enjoyed, and, as the result, at our last communion upwards of twenty students united themselves with the people of God in a public profession of their faith.

At the close of the last term the college was called to mourn the loss of its presiding officer. Dr. Baugher, who from the beginning—a period of thirty-six years—had, either as Professor or President, faithfully and successfully labored in the service of the Institution, peacefully passed to his rest.

3. *Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.*

The general prosperity of Wittenberg College has been steadily increasing ever since its establishment. It has been constantly growing in favor, not only with our own Church, but also with all other Christian denominations and the intelligent public, until at present all persons interested in the thorough education of the young, and acquainted with its course of instruction and method of teaching, regard it as one of the leading educational institutions of the West.

The Theological Department has already furnished for our own Church, besides several for other denominations, more than one hundred ministers, who, by the blessing of God, have been largely instrumental in building up that part of our Lutheran Zion west of the mountains connected with the General Synod. Fifteen young men have left this department during the past two years, most of whom are at present cultivating our Home Missionary fields in the far West.

The College department has had connected with it, during the past year, about one hundred and seventy students, more than two-thirds of whom are professed Christians, and about sixty of whom are preparing to enter the ministry.

The number of students, as well as the number of candidates for the ministry, could be largely increased, if beneficiary aid could be furnished to all those young men who desire to enter the ministry, but cannot prepare themselves without pecuniary assistance from the Church. The number of applicants for such aid has considerably increased since the close of the war. The Church should see to it that these young men, by some means, receive the aid they ask, and that they are not, for want of encouragement, and a little self-denial on the part of other Christians, entirely prevented from entering the ministry. The harvest, truly, is great, but the laborers are few. These young men who are seeking to enter the field should therefore be encouraged and assisted.

4. *The Missionary Institute, Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa.*

This institution has enjoyed its usual prosperity during the last two years. Since 1861 it has given the Church forty-two ministers. It shared very largely in a revival of the Second Lutheran Church in the town.

In the *Theological* department there are only four students at the present time. For want of funds, we have been under the necessity of rejecting quite a number of applicants.

The *Classical* department numbers 124 pupils during the present scholastic year, 24 of whom have the ministry in view.

Hereafter no *worthy* applicants shall be rejected: we will trust in God for the means of support.

5. *Mendota College, Mendota, Ill.*

This Institution has one of the finest locations in the State of Illinois,—beautiful, healthy, easy of access from all parts of the great North-West, and at a sufficient distance from any other college to insure it always a full and growing patronage.

Since its organization in 1857, it has had students from ten different States, while its income for tuition has more than supported the professors. During the last collegiate year, it has had 143 students connected with it.

The faculty consists of Rev. J. B. Corbett, A.M., President, and Professor of Mental and Moral Science; Rev. W. H. Wynn, A.M., Professor of Languages and Natural Sciences; and Rev. W. M. Sparr, A.M., Professor of Mathematics.

6. *Susquehanna Female College, Selinsgrove, Pa.*

Teachers, Rev. S. Domer, A.M., Proprietor and Principal. Assistants, during the year just closed, Miss M. E. Gilbert, Miss Emma Ruthrauff, Miss A. Mary Diller, and Miss Lydia C. Domer. Number of pupils during the year about ninety. Our attendance during the year just closed was not quite equal to former years.

The Standard of Education. Our course is an extended and thorough one. The ideal of our course has been found unattainable in practical application. The course of study is a four years' college course, the same as in colleges for young men; but we have found it, thus far, utterly impossible to get ladies to remain at school long enough to take the full course as laid down in our catalogue. Hence we have pursued an eclectic policy, making such arrangements as the circumstances of the young ladies actually required. Three years is usually the longest time the majority of our young ladies allow themselves for study away from home; and any one may readily understand how utterly impossible it must be to educate pupils very liberally when no more time is devoted to study. The result of actual experience in our school is, that our standard of education has been entirely too high for realization: a course of study demanding *four years*, beyond the preparatory department, cannot be *completed* by students, whether male or female, in *three years'* time. Hence we cannot actualize our ideal of female education, until parents and guardians, as well as ladies themselves, are willing to devote sufficient time to this important business. In the mean time, as "facts are stubborn things," we must meet the practical issues of female education as they arise, and shape the course of instruction to meet the wants of patrons according to the time they are willing to allow for study, while we inscribe on our banner, what may seem to many a strange device as it touches the subject of the education of the daughters of the Lutheran Church—"EXCELSIOR!"

The committee regret that so many Institutions connected with the Church failed to send any report.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. GEIGER,
W. M. BAUM,
W. N. SCHOLL,
H. ZIEGLER,
S. W. HARKEY,
G. MESSERSMITH.

REPORT ON HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The select committee charged to examine the report of the Hymn Book Committee, reported as follows :

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States :

The undersigned, to whom was referred the report of the Hymn Book (Publication) Committee, respectfully state that upon examination of said report they find the same to be correct.

They also submit the following recommendations: That an immediate settlement be made of the account of the publishing Committee to the first day of May, 1868 ; and that hereafter the said Committee require settlement and payments made semi-annually, to the first of May and the first of November of each year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. PHILSON,

W. DETWILER.

The report was adopted.

REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION, AND ANSWER.

The following request from the Lutheran Board of Publication was officially presented :

INASMUCH as the Lutheran Publication Society is on the basis of the General Synod, and inasmuch as the profits of the Society, by its constitution, are required to be devoted to the causes of Education and Missions in the Lutheran Church ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Publication respectfully request the refusal of all the publications of the General Synod, allowing to said Synod such a premium on each book as it may deem reasonable and just.

J. H. HECK,

Recording Secretary.

Whereupon the succeeding resolution, acceding to the request, was offered and adopted :

Resolved, That the request of the Board of Publication be granted, and that the Hymn Book Committee make such arrangements as may be just to both parties.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY.

On motion, the following resolution was passed :

WHEREAS, It is the duty of every Christian, layman as well as minister, to engage, in earnest personal work for Christ ; therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of the General Synod, such work will be greatly facilitated and rendered far more efficient by the use of cards and slips designed to introduce personal religion and impress saving truth on the mind.

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

A series of resolutions on Christian unity was offered, discussed, and adopted as here presented :

WHEREAS, Certain bodies, bearing the Lutheran name, oppose the various efforts now being made to form a more intimate visible union of all the followers of Christ, refuse to commune even with those who differ from them only in non-fundamentals, and exclude from their pulpits the ministers of all other denominations ; and,

WHEREAS, Such an exclusive and intolerant spirit is calculated to injure the cause of Christ, and to cast reproach on the Lutheran name ; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, deem it proper to call special attention to the third article of the Apostles' Creed, in which we confess our faith in one holy catholic Church and the communion of saints.

Resolved, That the real spiritual unity of the Church is not dependent on external sameness or uniformity, but on God's Spirit working on the hearts of believers, through the word and the sacraments.

Resolved, That in accordance with these principles, and true to our past history, we will continue to cherish towards all Evangelical pastors and churches the spirit of Christian affection and fellowship ; will welcome to the Lord's table all who are the sincere followers of Jesus Christ, in good standing in their respective churches ; will heartily co-operate with the American Bible and Tract Societies, the American Sunday School Union, the Young Men's Christian Associations, and all similar organizations, to promote the spread of the Gospel and the edification of the Church of Christ.

Resolved, That the fundamental doctrines of Scripture, which Jesus and his Apostles made the condition of fellowship, which Luther and his co-laborers restored to their purity, and which form the basis of this General Synod, are the necessary condition for the visible organic unity of all Christians, being broad enough for all the true followers of Christ.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS ON INCREASE OF MINISTRY.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare and publish in our Church papers an address to our Synods and churches on the great and urgent want of an increase in the ministry of our Church, and that the pastors of our congregations be requested to read said address in their pulpits.

The President appointed the brethren whose names follow, as the

Committee.—Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D., Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. J. G. Butler, Rev. J. Winecoff.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. J. Hellsel conducted prayer.

SEVENTH DAY.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, P. M., MAY 14th, 2 o'clock.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. S. Sentman.

The record of the forenoon session was read and adopted.

WORLD'S EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

On motion, the preamble and resolution given below were unanimously adopted, and the committee provided for appointed:

WHEREAS, We believe that much has been accomplished for the Redeemer's Kingdom through the World's Evangelical Alliance, organized in London, in the year of our Lord, 1846, by bringing representatives of Christ's Church from the different parts of the earth, to compare views, to take counsel of one another, to pray together for the prosperity of Zion, to cultivate Christian charity and unity, and to pledge their hearts and hands to a more active and general co-operation for the glory of God and the salvation of men; and,

WHEREAS, We have an additional reason to feel a deep in-

terest in that organization, because of the fact that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was represented in the first convention held in London, by several delegates who there co-operated with many of the best men of our Church and other churches in widely separated lands ; and,

WHEREAS, It is stated in the report of the delegate of the American Evangelical Alliance to the fifth convention of the General or World's Evangelical Alliance, held at Amsterdam, in 1867, that many of the members seemed ready to accept an invitation to hold the sixth convention in the city of New York ; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States appoint a committee of five persons, of which the President of this Synod shall be the chairman, to correspond with the officers of the American Evangelical Alliance, for the purpose of expressing, through that organization, the assurance that this General Synod do most cordially unite in welcoming the World's Evangelical Alliance to hold its sixth convention upon the shores of this Western world, and that the same committee be hereby authorized to act as a delegation to represent the General Synod in the said sixth convention, whether it meet in America or in Europe.

Committee.—Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. H. Ziegler, D.D., Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D.

REPORT ON THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The following report was rendered by the committee appointed for the purpose :

The modern Sunday-school, not yet a century old, is undeniably a work of God. In the British Islands and in America, where, with scarcely any exceptions, it has been adopted by Christians, it has already been instrumental in producing an amount of good which neither the science of numbers nor the tongue of eloquence can adequately set forth. It has, moreover, extended to many countries, is steadily gaining foothold in still other lands, and is at this day one of the most important agencies in almost every mission field among the heathen. Considering the recent history of this institution, the remarkable hold which it has gained upon the affections of the Christian world, and the blessed results already realized, we are profoundly impressed with the greatness of the cause, and are led to exclaim : "What hath God wrought !"

With almost every Christian congregation in our land there is now connected a Sabbath-school. In our large cities, and in sparsely-settled places, a great mission work is carried forward by the Sunday-school. In many instances, especially in the newer parts of the country, it prepares the way for the preached word and the ordinances. The Sunday-school has created a new literature for the young; it employs the talent of the laity of the church to an extent never before known; and affords such aid and encouragement to the ministry that the pastor who is surrounded by an efficient Sunday-school may well feel that the Lord is surely establishing the work of his hands.

Our own Church, which is known in the world by the name of the immortal Reformer, has been among the first in this land to adopt the Sunday-school. Any other course would have been unworthy of her. The Lutheran Church, from her very beginning as such, has most carefully provided for the spiritual nurture of the lambs of Christ's flock.

It would be our pleasure to discuss at length the true position which the Sunday-school should be held as occupying. We believe the time will soon come when the proper relation of the Sunday-school to the family and the Church shall be more clearly understood.

The Sunday-school should never be regarded as taking the work of parents out of their hands. Nothing can ever exonerate fathers and mothers from teaching the Lord's words diligently to their children, and of writing them upon the door-posts of their houses. It is encouraging, however, to know that those parents who most carefully and conscientiously inquire in reference to their domestic duties most gratefully look upon the Sunday-school as an important *help* in their responsible work.

Nor does the faithful pastor seek an excuse in the Sunday-school of his church for neglecting other duties towards the young of his charge. He will not voluntarily on its account suffer catechisation to fall into disuse; but will rather bless God that through the Sunday-school he has an enlarged opportunity for access to the minds and affections of the dear children and youth entrusted to his pastoral care.

Nor must it be supposed that the Sunday-school stands in the place of the Church. Evidently a serious error has been fostered in this regard. We have sometimes heard the Sunday-school spoken of as "the children's church." While we can well appreciate the warm and grateful feeling prompting such expression, we fear that it carries with it to the common mind the idea that the school is a substitute for the church. Perhaps this error may largely account for the absence of so many of the children of Christians from the public services of the sanctuary, and the seeming satisfaction with which parents neglect to train their households to appear together in the tabernacles of the Lord, where all the people are called upon to worship him.

We desire that all our people should consider that whatever official arrangement may exist in the schools distinctly belonging to congregations, it should never be so construed as to ignore the rights of the pastor. He is the pastor of the school by virtue of such relation to the church.

We would urge it upon the attention of all our church councils to make the Sunday-school a subject for their deliberations. Suitable apartments, in which to hold the schools, should be provided with as much faithfulness as proper accommodations for the general assemblies of worshippers. These rooms should be commodious, clean, airy, comfortable, and healthy—inviting places, and well adapted to the purpose.

We would urge it upon the attention of the church officers, parents, and other Christians, to countenance and encourage the schools by their frequent presence and assistance. The form contained in our Liturgy for the installation of church officers, provides that they shall see well to the interests of the congregational schools.

We would recommend that in all cases all possible order and reverence be enjoined and maintained in our schools, lest a disregard for the sacredness of the Lord's house be unconsciously fostered in the minds of those dear ones whom we seek to train for the spiritual worship of God.

We would request the pastors and teachers who purchase Sunday-school libraries to exercise the utmost care that all improper and unworthy books be excluded. This becomes the more necessary with the advance of time, as the land is now flooded with books seeking for friendly recognition by the teachers of the Church's children. Many books which now unguardedly slip into our libraries, teach not only doctrines inconsistent with our own, but which are also in other important respects unfit for use in our schools.

We would call the attention of all our schools, in all our Synods and churches, to the propriety of procuring books and Sunday-school requisites from the Lutheran Publication Society in Philadelphia, where they are now furnished at least as cheaply as anywhere else; and would urge all our schools and families to secure for their children our own beautiful LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL HERALD, the publication of which was undertaken by the Publication Society in compliance with a request of the General Synod, and which paper has now, for more than eight years, seemed indispensable to those who have taken it, as an aid in teaching the fear of the Lord and love to our Zion.

We would, while giving all praise to our young men and women who so zealously and efficiently labor in our Sunday-schools, request the officers of our churches, parents, middle-aged members, and even those in far advanced years, also to devote themselves more freely to the important and blessed work of teaching in the Sunday-schools under our care, so as to give to the schools all the weight of accumulated years, experience, intelligence and Christian grace, as well as the direct advantage of their services.

We would call the attention of all our pastors and people to the great necessity laid upon us all to labor in season and out of season for the prosperity of our Sunday-schools. Let all our own children, and the neglected, be gathered in, and everything needful be done to retain them as long as possible. Let the teachers be judiciously selected—persons who will show a good example in their lives, attend regularly and punctually to duty, and prepare themselves diligently for their work.

With these thoughts, which might be greatly extended, we submit this report to you, with the earnest request that all our people will unite with us

in more self-denial and prayer for the Sunday-school; and God will smile upon Zion and cause her to rejoice.

Respectfully submitted,

M. SHEELEIGH,
S. W. HARKEY,
H. H. ROEDEL.

The report was adopted.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE FORMULA OF GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the Formula of Government and Discipline recommended for congregations by the General Synod.

Committee.—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D., Rev. E. W. Hutter, D.D., Rev. T. Stork, D.D.

ARTICLE EXPLANATORY OF DOCTRINE.

The following proposition was called up from the table, where it had been laid during the discussion of the revised Constitution, and was offered as a re-affirmation by the General Synod in relation to its doctrinal position:

To prevent all misapprehension and misrepresentation as to the doctrinal position of the Lutheran Church as represented in the General Synod, we deem it necessary to re-assert the following testimony as embodying our views on certain points which have agitated the Church:

“That this General Synod, resting on the Word of God as the sole authority in matters of Faith, on its infallible warrant rejects the Romish doctrine of the Real Presence or Transubstantiation, and with it the doctrine of Consubstantiation; rejects the Romish Mass, and all ceremonies distinctive of the Mass; denies any power to the Sacraments as an *opus operatum*, or that the blessings connected with Baptism and the Lord's Supper can be received without faith; rejects Auricular Confession and priestly Absolution; holds that there is no priesthood on earth but that of all believers, and that God only can forgive sins; and maintains the Divine obligation of the Christian Sabbath.”

Adopted.

REPORT ON SEVENTH JUBILEE OF REFORMATION.

The report on the Jubilee of the Reformation, laid over from last night, was called up and discussed. Three resolutions

were offered as an amendment, more fully setting forth the occasion of the Jubilee, and the interest which the Church should feel in its observance. The amendments were adopted, and ordered to be inserted immediately after the preamble. The report was then adopted as a whole.

Your committee appointed to prepare a plan for the prosecution of the work of the Jubilee, beg leave to present the following:

WHEREAS, The Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, inaugurated by the nailing of the Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church, by Martin Luther, on the thirty-first day of October, 1517, was an event of such magnitude and of such importance to the Christian Church as to deserve perpetual commemoration; and,

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church has heretofore celebrated both Centennial and Semi-Centennial Jubilees; and,

WHEREAS, The year commencing on the 31st of October, 1867, and ending on the 31st of October, 1868, is the Seventh Semi-Centennial year since the Reformation; and,

WHEREAS, The exigencies, wants and interests of the Lutheran Church in the United States call for large donations of money to meet these exigencies, supply these wants, and advance these interests; therefore,

[*Resolved*, That the history of our beloved Church, from the time of her planting by the Reformers up to this Jubilee Year, calls loudly upon us to acknowledge with devout gratitude the Divine goodness which has been so signally displayed in her perpetuity and prosperity, the maintenance of her pure faith, the development of her distinctive life and her unexampled growth.

Resolved, That, encouraged by the past and present of her history, we look hopefully to her future triumphs, and especially rejoice in the indications that this Jubilee year is to make a new era in her spiritual life and benevolent labors.

Resolved, That we call earnestly upon all the pastors and churches in connection with this General Synod to celebrate this our Jubilee with thanksgiving to God and renewed consecration to Christ and his Church, and, as a substantial expression of their gratitude, to contribute largely of their means to the Jubilee offerings for the treasury of the Lord.]

Resolved, That the historic Church year now passing be celebrated by all the churches of the General Synod as a Jubilee unto the Lord, and that it be characterized by religious offerings, commensurate with the ability of the members of the Church and the demands made upon them as the stewards of the Lord.

Resolved, That to secure the important ends designed to be attained, we recommend the following plan, viz.:

1st. That the Secretary of the General Synod be authorized to have prepared and printed ——— cards in the following form, and that these cards be sent to each pastor connected with us in such numbers as may be ordered:

I, A. B., agree to give, as a Jubilee Offering, the following sums, as an-

nexed, for the purpose designated. (Here follows a list of all our Benevolent Societies and the names of our Institutions:

Foreign and Home Missions—General Synod Fund, District Synod Fund, Particular Missions.

Education—Parent Education Society, District Synod Fund, Individual Church Extension.

Publication Society.

Theological Seminaries—Hartwick, Gettysburg, Wittenberg, Selinsgrove.

Colleges—Pennsylvania, Wittenberg, Missionary Institute, Mendota.

Orphans' Home.

General Benevolence.)

2d. That this Synod recommend that the pastor of each charge in connection with the General Synod, sometime during the present Jubilee year, present to each of his congregations the special work of the several Benevolent Societies connected with the General Synod; and that after such presentation a Jubilee Offering be solicited for the support of these Societies, and for the support and endowment of the Theological and Literary Institutions of the Church; for which purpose the pastor, or one of the church council, be requested to hand to each member of the church and to such other persons as he may think willing to contribute to these objects, one of the published cards, with a request to fill the blanks with such sums as he or she may be willing to contribute, at as early a period as possible, and return the same to the pastor with his or her signature; and that the pastors be requested to collect these amounts and send them as soon as possible to the treasurers of the several Societies and Boards for which the money has been contributed.

3d. That the subscriptions be continued until the next meeting of the General Synod, and that at that meeting each Synod be requested to make a full report of all its Jubilee offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. GEIGER,

F. W. CONRAD,

J. H. W. STUCKENBERG.

A CIRCULAR TO BE SENT OUT WITH CARDS.

On motion,

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad be requested to act with the Secretary in preparing and sending to the different ministers, together with the cards, a paper indicative of the ideas to which this Jubilee celebration calls the attention of our people.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF HYMN BOOK REVISING COMMITTEE.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the travelling expenses incurred by any member of the Hymn Book Committee of Revision, in attending the meetings of the committee, be paid to them by the Treasurer of the Synod.

REQUEST TO NOTICE OUR BOOKS.

It was on motion

Resolved, That the ministers of our churches are requested to write, and have inserted in the various papers published in their localities, notices of the books published by the Lutheran Publication Society.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Pastors of the First and Second Lutheran Churches, to the members of their congregations, and other Christian friends in this city, for the generous and unsparing hospitalities extended to the members of this body and visiting brethren, during our stay in their midst. We will ever cherish a grateful remembrance of their kindness and devoutly pray that God's choicest blessings may be vouchsafed unto them.

On motion,

Resolved, That the pastors of the Harrisburg churches be instructed to present the thanks of this Synod to the officers of the Erie and Pittsburg, the Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia and Erie, the Northern Central, the Cumberland Valley, the Hanover Branch, the Lehigh Valley, the New Jersey Central, the Philadelphia and Reading, the East Pennsylvania, the Pan Handle, the Allegheny Valley, and the Schuylkill and Susquehanna railroad companies, who have favored us by granting our delegates free return tickets.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the reporters and proprietors of the *Harrisburg Telegraph* and of the *State Guard*, for the very full and correct daily report of the proceedings of this Synod presented in their respective papers.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to its officers, for the faithfulness and impartiality with which they have discharged their several duties during this convention.

MINUTES ORDERED TO BE PUBLISHED.

On motion,

Resolved, That fifteen hundred copies of the Proceedings of

this convention be published under the direction of the Secretary, and that two copies be sent to each ministerial and one to each lay delegate composing this body; also, that one copy be sent to every Lutheran minister in the United States.

Furthermore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Synod give notice, through the LUTHERAN OBSERVER, that extra copies of the Minutes of this General Synod may be purchased, and that pastors or congregations may secure the same by sending in their orders at an early date, so that the number of copies to be published may be ascertained.

It being apparent that the business of the Synod was concluded, the proceedings of the current session were read and adopted.

A motion being made to adjourn, the Synod united in singing the 753d hymn,—

“Christians and brethren, ere we part,”—

and then accompanied Rev. Dr. W. M. Baum in fervent prayer to the Lord for his abiding blessing upon all the members and the whole Church.

The President then announced that the General Synod stood adjourned, to meet in the City of Cincinnati, at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the second Thursday of May, in the year of our Lord 1869.

MATTHIAS SHEELEIGH,
Secretary of General Synod.

GENERAL PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| NAMES OF SYNODS. | Minist'rs. | Congregations. | Additions to full Membership. | | | | Losses. | | | Communicating Members. | Sunday-Schools. | | | Contributions. | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | | Adult Baptisms. | Confirmations. | By Certificate. | Restorations. | Deceased. | Dismissed. | Excommunicated. | | Lutheran. | Union. | Teachers. | Scholars. | Prayer Meetings, &c. | Synodical Treas'y. | Beneficiary Edu'n. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Local Objects. | Gen. Benevolence. | |
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| 1. Maryland Synod. | 35 | 43 | 2,815 | 104 | 1,718 | 639 | 59 | 725 | 116 | 6 | 8,347 | 27 | 19 | 748 | 6,222 | 36 | \$282 76 | \$1,263 48 | \$4,593 67 | \$ 619 40 | \$49,974 76 | \$14,116 60 |
| 2. W. Penn'a | 50 | 103 | 2,292 | 515 | 1,841 | 487 | 59 | 587 | 280 | 8 | 12,416 | 42 | 70 | 1,039 | 6,553 | 90 | 563 30 | 3,006 80 | 2,577 90 | 2,474 94 | 64,175 79 | 18,531 54 |
| 3. Hartwick | 27 | 30 | 292 | 241 | 551 | 71 | | 107 | 53 | | 4,102 | 20 | 17 | 367 | 2,810 | 20 | 302 92 | 1,102 61 | 1,102 61 | 540 34 | 16,029 43 | 2,840 50 |
| 4. New York | 16 | 12 | 272 | 34 | 170 | 116 | | 70 | 26 | | 1,642 | 15 | 25 | 201 | 1,182 | 6 | 330 52 | 821 00 | 794 00 | 568 00 | 2,990 00 | 3,372 56 |
| 5. East Ohio | 38 | 68 | 411 | 389 | 848 | 440 | | 115 | 252 | 24 | 3,838 | 32 | 25 | 532 | 4,060 | 44 | 321 99 | 884 99 | 1,084 47 | 768 07 | 42,111 12 | 5,293 75 |
| 6. Allegheny | 45 | 96 | 1,042 | 240 | 822 | 555 | 47 | 173 | 330 | 25 | 6,734 | 45 | 43 | 753 | 4,988 | 60 | 332 93 | 1,304 18 | 1,958 74 | 507 98 | 44,176 72 | 12,953 78 |
| 7. East Penn'a | 60 | 107 | 2,566 | 416 | 1,638 | 241 | 29 | 398 | 394 | 38 | 13,031 | 61 | 72 | 1,855 | 12,596 | 93 | 789 94 | 4,350 78 | 7,355 79 | 2,551 22 | 140,978 20 | 17,114 71 |
| 8. Miami | 34 | 40 | 424 | 149 | 418 | 221 | | 93 | 74 | 14 | 3,405 | 36 | | 375 | 2,877 | 28 | 182 05 | 653 53 | 1,018 58 | 532 50 | 23,750 50 | 12,125 40 |
| 9. Central Ills. | 19 | 19 | 98 | 38 | 62 | 63 | | 18 | 11 | 6 | 963 | 11 | | 124 | 1,052 | | 37 55 | 18 87 | 100 50 | 13 00 | 1,500 00 | 190 00 |
| 10. Wittenberg | 32 | 47 | 257 | 451 | 694 | 359 | 47 | 73 | 201 | 21 | 3,678 | 24 | 30 | 675 | 5,057 | 37 | 282 54 | 637 10 | 743 43 | 299 02 | 32,627 55 | 4,991 40 |
| 11. Olive Branch | 13 | 34 | 312 | 78 | 156 | 111 | | 75 | 78 | 4 | 1,551 | 19 | | 182 | 1,394 | 14 | 227 44 | 236 04 | 340 76 | 84 46 | 8,193 98 | 4,564 87 |
| 12. North Illinois | 25 | 37 | 379 | 87 | 196 | 308 | 18 | 44 | 87 | 4 | 2,105 | 19 | 24 | 248 | 1,849 | 22 | 156 46 | 65 68 | 578 46 | 64 55 | 10,789 75 | 1,074 88 |
| 13. Pittsburgh | 11 | 28 | 115 | 11 | 58 | 43 | 6 | 10 | 9 | | 1,756 | 15 | | 191 | 1,529 | 8 | 59 45 | 102 63 | 134 30 | 25 19 | 9,042 75 | 2,042 75 |
| 14. Central Penn. | 38 | 61 | 1,034 | 195 | 983 | 303 | 28 | 214 | 200 | 3 | 4,825 | 24 | 71 | 502 | 4,009 | 62 | 247 50 | 618 05 | 1,478 51 | 444 28 | 9,804 50 | 6,492 40 |
| 15. North'n Ind. | 30 | 71 | 394 | 264 | 588 | 491 | 86 | 86 | 175 | 46 | 3,415 | 55 | | 379 | 3,081 | 41 | 235 26 | 409 97 | 288 04 | 90 42 | 8,004 35 | 542 52 |
| 16. South'n Ills. | 19 | 16 | 31 | 100 | 298 | | | | | | 817 | | | | | 8 | 40 96 | | | | | |
| 17. Iowa | 22 | 29 | 400 | 44 | 194 | 192 | | 55 | 35 | 9 | 1,171 | 12 | 19 | | 1,075 | 14 | 102 67 | 320 00 | 769 15 | 161 32 | 9,875 00 | 1,102 58 |
| 18. Melancthon | 18 | 37 | 693 | 96 | 553 | 146 | | 42 | 63 | | 3,755 | 20 | 29 | 531 | 3,399 | 34 | 115 00 | 514 47 | 371 97 | 191 84 | 45,134 20 | 2,889 00 |
| 19. New Jersey | 8 | 13 | 292 | 56 | 237 | 53 | | 42 | 17 | 9 | 1,697 | 15 | 10 | 122 | 1,470 | 16 | 111 42 | 111 83 | 331 42 | 125 82 | 11,477 80 | 2,324 35 |
| 20. Franckean | 23 | 29 | 160 | 71 | 151 | 49 | | 54 | 45 | | 2,479 | 19 | | | | 25 | | | | 6,487 87 | 2,158 42 | |
| 21. Susquehanna | 26 | 48 | 222 | 78 | 429 | 155 | 13 | 26 | 72 | | 4,461 | 23 | 33 | 511 | 3,648 | 39 | 93 76 | 104 91 | 289 12 | 53 00 | 19,762 00 | 193 00 |
| | 590 | 970 | 14,461 | 3,757 | 12,619 | 5,043 | 333 | 2,295 | 2,440 | 216 | 86,198 | 531 | 462 | 9,333 | 66,851 | 769 | 4,821 | 16,512 | 29,112 | 10,125 | 547,206 | 115,699 |

NOTE.—The above tabular view embraces generally the reports of two years, excepting in the cases of the New York, Central Illinois, Pittsburg, and Susquehanna Synods, which are here represented by the reports of only one year.—SECRETARY.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARENT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FRIDAY, MAY 8th, 1868.

The Parent Education Society held its regular meeting during the sessions of the General Synod, at 2 o'clock, on the 8th day of May, 1868, at Harrisburg, Pa.

The President, Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D., took the chair, and prayer was offered by Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D.

By a resolution the reading of the Minutes of the last regular meeting was omitted.

Prof. M. L. Stoevers stated to the Society that the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. H. L. Baugher, having departed this life before he had completed his report, no report would be presented this year. The following was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing term. The Chair appointed Rev. R. A. Fink, Rev. A. A. Trimper, and Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

M. L. Stoevers's Account with the Parent Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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| May 17.—Balance in Treasury, as per Report to the General Synod at Fort Wayne..... | \$470 00 |
| 1866. | Cr. |
| May 28.—Illinois University, Springfield, Ill., as per order of Society..... | \$235 00 |
| May 28.—Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, as per order of Society..... | \$235 00—\$470 00 |

AUDITORS APPOINTED.

Mr. M. Buehler and Mr. A. C. Musselman were appointed to audit the report of the Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The auditors reported :

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Account have done so. They compared the vouchers with the disbursements, and found the report to be correct.

MARTIN BUEHLER,
A. C. MUSSELMAN.

It was

Resolved, That no anniversary meeting be held this evening, to give the Home Missionary Society an opportunity to hold their meeting, but that this Society hold one on Saturday evening.

The committee appointed to nominate officers reported the following, who were unanimously elected :

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President,

S. W. HARKEY, D. D.

Vice-President,

J. J. COCHRAN, Esq.

Recording Secretary,

GEORGE DIEHL, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary,

PROF. LUTHER H. CROLL.

Treasurer,

PROF. M. L. STOEVER.

Auditor,

D. A. BUEHLER, Esq.

Executive Committee,

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| REV. PROF. C. J. EHRHART, | REV. PROF. M. VALENTINE, D. D., |
| " " J. H. BROWN, D. D., | " " S. S. SCHMUCKER, D. D., |
| " " C. A. HAY, D. D., | " " V. L. CONRAD, |
| REV. E. BREIDENBAUGH. | |

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

On Saturday evening, May 9th, 1868, an anniversary meeting was held and largely attended. After devotional exercises,

several stirring addresses were delivered, and a collection taken up for beneficiary education.

GEORGE DIEHL,
Secretary of Parent Education Society.

ANNIVERSARY.

In the absence of the President of the Society, and the failure on his part to make any arrangement for the exercises of the evening, Prof. M. L. Stoever was, as the oldest member of the Executive Committee present, called to the chair, and Dr. M. Valentine was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

After singing by the choir, prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg.

ADDRESSES.

The Chairman announced that, under the peculiar circumstances of our present meeting, it would be resolved into a free colloquium on the important subject of beneficiary education, and gave an interesting account of the origin and work of this Society.

Dr. F. W. Conrad followed in an earnest address on the subject of beneficiary education.

Dr. C. A. Hay called the attention of the Society to the importance of revivals as sources of supplying young men for the ministry, and urged the duty of faithfully directing the minds of pious youths to the sacred office.

By Dr. H. Ziegler the claims of the ministry upon men of more advanced age was presented, and was followed by Rev. E. Miller on the need of more prayer to the Head of the Church for laborers in the harvest.

Addresses were also delivered by Rev. C. Martin and Rev. Prof. H. R. Geiger.

After singing, the services were concluded with the apostolic benediction.

M. VALENTINE,
Secretary pro tem.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TUESDAY, May 12th, 1868.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States assembled in the First English Lutheran Church, at Harrisburg, on the afternoon of the 12th of May, 1868.

The President of the Society, Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad, called the meeting to order. After the singing of a missionary hymn the assembly was led in prayer by the Rev. W. N. Scholl.

A committee consisting of Dr. M. L. Stoever, Rev. Dr. H. N. Pohlman and Rev. M. Officer, was appointed to nominate officers. Their report, presented and adopted at a subsequent stage of the proceedings, is as follows :

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President,

REV. DR. F. W. CONRAD.

Vice Presidents,

REV. DR. S. S. SCHMUCKER,

REV. DR. J. G. MORRIS,

REV. DR. H. N. POHLMAN.

Recording Secretary,

REV. DR. C. A. HAY.

Corresponding Secretary,

REV. DR. A. C. WEDEKIND.

Treasurer,

MARTIN BUEHLER, Esq.

Auditors

C. CARMANY, Esq., F. BYERLY, Esq.

*Executive Committee.*REV. DR. A. C. WEDEKIND,
REV. I. K. FUNK,
MR. GEORGE P. OCKERSHAUSEN,REV. DR. L. E. ALBERT,
REV. J. R. DIMM,
DR. F. V. HEYDENREICH,

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee, through Rev. Dr. L. E. Albert, Corresponding Secretary, presented their report as follows :

FOURTEENTH REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Executive Committee of the Foreign Missionary Society respectfully begs leave to present the following report :

In obedience to a resolution of the Society, passed at Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Executive Committee, immediately on entering upon its duties, sought to reinforce our mission stations in India and Africa. To this end an appeal was addressed to the Church by the Rev. E. Greenwald D. D., President of the Executive Committee, which was followed by others drawn up by the Corresponding Secretary. While these appeals were not altogether useless, still they effected nothing as regards the obtainment of missionaries. But few applications were made for employment by the Society, and such were the circumstances connected with the most of these applications, that the Executive Committee felt itself unable conscientiously to grant them. As no applications, especially, were received from any in this country to reinforce our solitary missionary in India, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to enter into a correspondence with the Rev. Mr. Grönning, in Germany, for the purpose of soliciting his aid, for the obtainment of men for our mission stations in India, from the Mission Institutes in his own country. As Bro. Grönning felt himself unable for the present, on account of ill health, to return to India, though urged by the Committee if possible to do so, he gladly offered his assistance to reinforce our mission stations in the way indicated by the Committee. After considerable effort and trouble, Bro. Grönning announced to the Committee, that he had finally secured the services of two excellent young men for our mission work, and requested the Committee to inform him what disposition should be made of them. The Committee would have had no difficulty in informing him about their disposition, had affairs remained in the Church in this country as they were when your Committee received its appointment. Then the Synod of Pennsylvania, especially, co-operated heartily with this Society in the Foreign Mission work, and sustained by its own funds a missionary in India.

Since the establishment of the "General Council," however, this Synod has withdrawn from all active co-operation with the Society. In fact every

Synod, in which the Germanic influence largely predominated, that had once co-operated with the Society pursued a similar course, leaving the Society to be sustained alone by the friends of the General Synod. These things having occurred practically about the time when Bro. Grönnung's efforts to obtain missionaries were crowned with success, the Committee was compelled to inform Bro. Grönnung of its unwillingness for the present, to employ these men, and the uncertainty that hung over their employment in the future.

In communicating this action of the Committee to Bro. Grönnung the following language was employed. "The Committee sought to reinforce our mission stations in India, on the supposition that the *promised aid* from the Synod of Pennsylvania would be forthcoming when needed, and that her interest in German missionaries would be continued. It was this Synod that urged us, through one of her executive officers, to entreat you to seek out for us worthy young men in Germany, giving as an argument for speedy action that the Germans in this country would feel a deeper interest in the cause of missions in India if such men were obtained and recommended by you. But now this Synod is in the dark as to its future missionary operations, so that we know not what to do. As yet, we cannot tell whether it will co-operate, in any way, with us or not. If it will, then our path will be made plain before us: if it will not, then we fear that your anxiety on our account will all have been in vain." This action of the Committee was communicated to Bro. Grönnung in the month of October, 1867. Since then, the Committee has heard nothing further, either from Bro. Grönnung, or the Synod of Pennsylvania. The Committee trust that its course in regard to this matter will be sanctioned by the Society, since it took it for granted, that if the General Synod alone is to support our missions in India, then it would prefer men representing its spirit and its stand-point, and in whom the Churches of the General Synod will have confidence.

As the Pennsylvania Synod, however, still desires to continue its Foreign Mission work, but under other auspices, your Committee would suggest the offering, upon the part of this Society, of the Rajahmundry or Samulcotta Mission to that Synod. Thus these stations would be saved, and our foreign mission work carried on more effectively.

From the statements which have been made the Society will perceive that our efforts to reinforce Bro. Unangst, in India, have thus far been fruitless. No doubt, the recent division in the Church, together with the distraction necessarily attending it, has been the great cause of our failure. Still, it cannot be concealed, that independent of all this, the interest in our Foreign Mission work of late years, has been greatly on the wane. This is seen and felt everywhere. Surely, we have left our first love, and it becomes us to humble ourselves before God, quickly to repent, and to do our first works over.—As India has thus far mainly engrossed our thoughts, it may be well to continue our statements in regard to it, and lay before the Society

THE PRESENT STATE OF THE INDIA MISSION.

The Society has four mission stations in India, viz.: *Guntur, Palnaud, Rajahmundry and Samulcotta*; all of which are under the supervision of our

faithful missionary Rev. E. Unangst. Bro. Unangst is assisted in his labors by Mr. R. E. Cully, who is Head Master and Overseer at the Palnaud Station, and by native teachers, Catechists and Bible Colporteurs. The station at which Bro. Unangst resides is Guntur, which is about 115 miles from Rajahmundry, and 155 from Samulcotta. The statistics of the Guntur station are as follows:

Guntur.

Congregation 1; Out Stations 8; Catechists 1; Colporteur 1; Baptisms for 1867, Adults 27, Children 22; Present Membership 202; Inquirers 40; Telugu Schools—Boys 10, Girls 1, in all 11; Pupils—Boys, Boarding 1, Day Scholars 106; Pupils—Girls, Boarding 1, Day Scholars 42, in all 156; Teachers—Male 11; Marriages 5.

Palnaud.

Out Stations, including two central points, 12; Head Master and Overseer 1; Colporteur 1; Baptisms for 1867—Adults 13, Children, 16; Present Membership 321; Inquirers 64; Telugu Schools 8; Pupils—Boys, Boarding 3, Day Scholars 50; Pupils—Girls 20, in all 73; Teachers—Male 6, Female 1; Marriages 6.

Rajahmundry.

Out Stations 4; Catechist 1; Bible Colporteurs 2; Baptisms for 1867—Adults 9, Children 4; Present Membership 86; Inquirers 22; Telugu Schools, Boys 4, Girls 1; Pupils—Boys, Boarding 4; Day Scholars 48; Pupils—Girls, Boarding 2, Day Scholars 20, in all 74; Teachers—Male 4, Females 1; Marriages 2.

Samulcotta.

Out Stations 1; Colporteurs 1; Baptisms for 1867—Adults 1, Children 4; Present Membership 24.

Summary.

Stations 4; Out Stations 25; Baptisms for 1867—Adults 50, Children 46, in all 96; Members received since 1842, 1099; Present Membership 633; Telugu Schools—Boys 22, Girls 2, in all 24; Pupils—Boys, Boarding 8, Day Scholars 204; Girls, Boarding 9, Day Scholars 82, in all 303; Teachers—Male 21, Female 2, in all 23; Head Master 1; Catechists 2; Colporteurs 4; Inquirers 126; Marriages 13.

While these figures present a very encouraging view of our mission-work in India, still the fact cannot and ought not to be overlooked, that it is utterly impossible for one missionary, however devoted to his work, properly to protect and promote the interest of these mission-stations. It is indeed a cause for praise and gratitude to God, that the life of our faithful missionary in India, during the past two years, has been so graciously spared, that his health has been of such a character that he has been enabled almost unremittedly to prosecute his labors, and that amid so much to depress him he has patiently toiled on, and has not toiled in vain. Realizing fully the responsibility resting upon us, he has sought diligently to meet it, praying ardently and looking anxiously for the time when reinforcements should arrive, to cheer him by their presence and their assistance, and gather with

him the precious sheaves, already ripe for the harvest. May the Church compassionate both for him and our mission-stations, and pray and seek with all earnestness, an increase of our missionary force in India !

A few extracts from letters recently received from India may not be uninteresting, showing as they do, the spirit and the hopes of our missionary and his principal assistant. Says Bro. Unangst in a letter to us, dated Guntur, February 22d, 1868, "I have much pleasure in sending you the enclosed extracts from Mr. Cully's reports. The number of new inquirers (adults) is close on 100, representing nearly 30 families not included in my last statistical report. You will thus perceive, by comparing the figures, that we have considerably over 200 adult inquirers. If we add the number of children belonging to these persons, we have upwards of 375 candidates for the holy ordinance of baptism. This we consider a most favorable indication of the progress the good work is making here; and we feel truly thankful that the Lord is thus adding His blessing to our humble efforts to turn the heathen from their idols to serve the living and true God. We are anxiously expecting a letter from you, to announce the glad news that new missionaries are preparing to join us soon. You can hardly imagine the importance and urgent necessity of an adequate reinforcement, to occupy the vacant stations and to relieve us. The new inquirers above referred to and many others scattered over our field who are yet hesitating to declare their faith openly before the world, appeal to you for the bread of life, which, broken to them more frequently, would doubtless give more grace and consolation to the steadfast, and more courage and decision to the wavering, to take a firm stand on the Lord's side."

The extracts from Mr. Cully's report are as follows:—"You will, I am sure, rejoice to learn that the people at Garlapadu have at length come forward and openly declared their desire to embrace Christianity. Not only in their own village did they make this declaration, but they came over to Pillutla, and there, in the presence of Christian witnesses, professed their determination to join us. I am unable to express the great pleasure we all then felt, to find so many renouncing idolatry, and joining themselves to the Lord's people. We humbly and earnestly entreated our Heavenly Father, that He would look down mercifully on those that were bowing before him for the first time, and help them to believe in their hearts that Jesus Christ 'came into the world to save sinners.'"—"The number of families in all is fifteen (15), including forty-nine adults, (49), and twenty-one (21) children. The principal one among them is an old man, who though blind is still able to exercise a good degree of influence among his class. His well known integrity and his wisdom cause the others to look to him for counsel." Concerning a number of other new inquirers, Mr. Cully says:

"The Madinapadu inquirers have agreed, much more readily than those of Garlapadu, to build their own school-house. In their desire, too, to follow the truth, they may be said to be equally in earnest; and, though no teacher has been hitherto sent them, they have not only abandoned idolatry, but also, so far as they have learned, they endeavor to act as Christians in observing the Sabbath and abstaining from eating *carrian*; and attending to prayer meet-

ings, &c. There are at present about fourteen (14) families that have embraced the Christian religion at this village. If there were a school here, about twenty (20) pupils would attend."

Surely all this but deepens the conviction of the importance of redoubling our efforts to sustain our mission-work in India, and especially to send a reinforcement of missionaries to occupy the field where some who are now among the sainted dead once labored.

We come now to the consideration of

OUR MISSION FIELD IN AFRICA.

Your Committee having been informed at its first business meeting at Easton that the rapidly failing health of the Rev. J. Kistler, then your missionary in Africa, made it imperatively necessary to obtain as speedily as possible an assistant missionary, entered at once into a correspondence with the Rev. Henry Heigerd, urging him to return to the Muhlenberg Mission. After a long correspondence with Rev. Mr. Heigerd, in which he gave the Committee some legitimate expectation of becoming again your missionary, he suddenly and finally declined the appointment so urgently pressed upon him. Your Committee then addressed itself anew to the task of securing a suitable person for this Mission; and, as an inducement to enter upon the work there, signified its willingness to accept of the services of men as missionaries for the limited space of three or four years. While several applications were afterwards received, soliciting the appointment of missionary to this important field, your Committee is nevertheless constrained to report that no such appointment as yet has been successfully made. The cause of this failure may be thus briefly expressed: unwillingness upon the part of the Committee to send those who were willing to go, and unwillingness, finally, upon the part of those whom the Committee was willing to send. Our failure to secure a missionary is deeply to be regretted, especially in view of the changes that have taken place at the Mission since the last meeting of the Society. Some time in the month of September, 1866, the Mission sustained a great loss, in the death of Mrs. Kistler, the estimable and beloved wife of our missionary, the Rev. J. Kistler. This was followed soon after by the departure of the Rev. Mr. Kistler from Africa, and his return to this country in the latter part of the month of April, 1867. The return of Mr. Kistler was mainly owing to the poor condition of his health, and was sanctioned by the Committee.

Since then the Muhlenberg Mission has been practically without a *proper influential* head. The only arrangement which it was possible for the Rev. Mr. Kistler to make for its welfare, until the arrival of another missionary, was the obtainment of the services of a lay-brother at Monrovia, who promised to watch over the Mission and regulate its affairs to the best of his ability.

This gentleman, by name David Kelly, is represented by the Rev. Mr. Kistler as a most excellent and trustworthy brother. From letters recently received from him we believe that the Mission is conducted as well as it can be under the circumstances. It must, however, eventually suffer unless steps are speedily taken to have it at once supplied with an active resident missionary.

As Mr. Kelly has given much of his time and labor to the management of the affairs of the Mission, both temporal and spiritual, since the return of the Rev. Mr. Kistler to this country, it remains for the Society to determine what compensation he should receive and also whether it would not be desirable to secure, for *the time being*, his undivided attention to the interests of the Mission.

It is earnestly to be hoped that some definite plan of action will be devised by the Society in regard to the future management and support of the Muhlenberg Mission. In view of the extreme difficulty in obtaining suitable men for Africa, the inquiry is undoubtedly forced upon us, whether it can be sustained by us hereafter, and if so, whether a different course must not be followed than that which has heretofore been pursued. One plan has suggested itself to the Committee, which eventually may obviate the difficulty to which we have alluded; and that is, the bringing over to this country some of the most promising young men at our Mission in Africa, to be educated here for the missionary work in their own country. Some of these young men are extremely anxious to be qualified to become missionaries, and earnestly entreat the Committee to give them an opportunity to educate themselves *as such* in this country. Gladly will the Committee send for these young men if authorized by the Society to do so.

The Muhlenberg Mission has certainly great claims upon us for its continuance. Its foundations have been well laid. Its praise has been chanted by other churches. It has been doing a good work among the heathen. It has frequently been visited by the outpouring of the Spirit. The seed that has been sown in tears and prayers is at last yielding its fruit. Those who were once children in years have now become men and women, imbued with the Christian faith, and willing to work for Jesus. The Lord grant us wisdom, that we may act wisely and well in regard to this Mission!

EXPENDITURES.

A word now in regard to our expenditures. These, during the past two years, have been very heavy. This has not been owing to any thoughtlessness or extravagance upon the part of the Executive Committee, but from the force of circumstances. The circumstances which involved expense were mainly these: the return to this country of Mrs. Mary J. Long—the widow of our deceased and lamented missionary, Rev. Adam Long,—the liquidation of our entire indebtedness to the Rev. C. W. Grönning and the Rev. J. Kistler, and the high rates of exchange between this country and India.

Mrs. Mary J. Long and her two children arrived in this country on the 4th of May, 1867. The Committee defrayed their travelling expenses, from the time of departure from India until her arrival at her father's home in Ohio. The Committee also settled the claims which her deceased husband had against the Society, and likewise allowed her some compensation over and above what was strictly coming to her. Had our ability been in proportion to our will the amount of this compensation would have been largely increased.

Two items of business in connection with this entire matter will demand your attention. *First*, whether the outfit of a returning missionary, or mis-

sionary's wife, should be paid by the Society; and, *Secondly*, whether the Society is morally bound to make provision for the support and education of a deceased missionary's children.

Mrs. Mary J. Long desired the Committee to act affirmatively upon both of these questions; but the Committee, not being willing to assume such weighty responsibility, postponed the decision of the same to this meeting of the Society. The Committee trust that these questions will be thoroughly discussed, and that such conclusions will be reached as shall meet with God's approval and blessing, and be just to those who are particularly interested in them.

As above stated, the Committee also liquidated the entire indebtedness of the Society to the Rev. C. W. Grönnung and the Rev. J. Kistler. Although these brethren are no longer in your employment, yet the former wishes to know whether his salary will not be continued for the present year; while the latter has intimated that in his present feeble condition some further provision for his support would not only be just but also very acceptable. It remains for the Society to determine what action it shall take in regard to these brethren.

When, in connection with the above facts, we take into consideration also the high rates of exchange, it can easily be seen that the expenditures incurred during the past two years must be more than ordinarily heavy. What they were will be heard when the Treasurer's Account is rendered.

CONCLUSION.

At the last meeting of the Society the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be and are hereby requested to consult with the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society with reference to the publication of a monthly pamphlet, devoted to missionary intelligence and the cause of missions in our Church.

We would only say in regard to this resolution that it was not deemed expedient by either Committee to enter upon the publication of such a journal. Having thus given, in as brief a space as possible, all the needful information in regard to our action as a Committee, together with the wants and the present condition of our Mission Stations, we close this report with the hope that our management of your affairs will meet with your approbation, and that a deeper interest will be awakened in the great work which we have been seeking to promote. The old command is still new: "Go ye and disciple *all nations*." The field is still the world. The injunction is still the same: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." The prayer is still to be offered: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done *on earth* as it is in heaven."

Executive Committee, { LUTHER E. ALBERT, *Cor. Sec.*,
A. C. WEDEKIND,
G. P. OCKERSHAUSEN.

This report was taken up for consideration.

MONEY FOR CHINA MISSION.

In reference to the suggestion of the Committee to transfer the Rajahmundry or Samulcotta Mission to the Synod of Pennsylvania, it was stated by the Corresponding Secretary that a letter had just been received from that Synod, proposing to relinquish all claim to any of the missionary stations in India, and requesting us to transfer to them the funds that have been collected for the establishment of a mission in China. It was thereupon

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay over to the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Synod the money paid into our treasury for the purpose of establishing a mission in China, as soon as it shall be needed for that purpose.

INDIA MISSION TO BE REINFORCED.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to reinforce the Mission in India, at the earliest moment possible.

SUPERINTENDENT OF MUHLENBERG MISSION.

Resolved, That the question as to the appointment of Mr. Kelly as temporary Superintendent of the Muhlenburg Mission be left to the decision of the Committee.

CONCERNING MRS. LONG.

Resolved, That the case of Mrs. Long be placed entirely at the discretion of the Committee.

AS TO EDUCATING AFRICANS AS MISSIONARIES.

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient to bring young natives of Africa to this country, to be educated for the missionary work.

CONCERNING REV. MR. GRÖNNING.

Resolved, That the request of Rev. Mr. Grönning be not complied with, inasmuch as he is no longer connected in any manner with this Society, and was compensated in full for services rendered.

ON EDUCATING ALBERT BRIDGES.

The Corresponding Secretary having brought to the notice of the Society a young colored man, Albert Bridges, a native of this country, who has been living for some years in Africa,

and is now here, desiring to be educated for the missionary work in Africa, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to educate him if they deem it expedient to do so.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer presented his report, of which the following is a

RECAPITULATION.

1866.

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| May 22.—Balance on hand from last report,..... | \$3,597 32 |
| Received during two years,..... | 12,278 18—\$15,875 50 |
| Paid out in two years,..... | 15,509 49 |
| Balance in Treasury,..... | \$366 01 |

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Treasurer's Report was referred to the auditing committee, who, upon examination of the same, reported as follows:

The Committee, appointed to audit the Report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society, respectfully report that they have examined the same and find it correct, showing a balance of three hundred and sixty-six dollars and one cent.

C. CARMANY,
HENRY GOODMAN.

The Society thereupon adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Dr. S. Sprecher.

CHARLES A. HAY,
Rec. Sec. Foreign Missionary Society.

ANNIVERSARY.

The anniversary exercises of the Society were held on the evening of Tuesday, the 12th.

After a voluntary on the organ by Prof. Wm. Knoche, the anthem,

"Daughter of Zion, awake from thy sadness,"

was sung.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D.

Appropriate addresses followed by Rev. J. Swartz; Rev. J. Kistler, returned missionary from Muhlenberg Mission, in Liberia, Africa; Rev. M. Officer, also formerly missionary at the same place, and the originator of the Mission; and others.

Contributions for the Foreign Missionary work, to a considerable amount, were received. Mrs. Susan Young, of Hanover, Pa., was made a Life Member of the Society, by her contributing twenty-five dollars.

The doxology being sung, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FRIDAY, MAY 8th, 1868.

The Home Missionary Society of the General Synod met in the First Lutheran Church at Harrisburg, Pa., at 3 o'clock, May 8th, 1868. Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D.D., the president, occupying the chair. In the absence of Rev. J. H. Heck, Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D., was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem*. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. H. Ziegler, D. D.

On motion, the Minutes of the last convention of the Society were omitted. The Constitution was read. The roll of the Synods co-operating with the Society was also read, and, on motion, the Synods of Iowa, Northern, Illinois, and of Central Illinois, were admitted to membership.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

TENTH REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

With devout thankfulness to the great Head of the Church, for his continued presence and manifest blessing upon their labors in his name, the Executive Committee submit respectfully the following report of their work for the past two years:

I. CHANGES IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following changes in the composition of the Executive Committee were made during the past two years.

1. Rev. H. Bishop having removed from Baltimore, Rev. C. A. Stork was appointed to fill his post in the committee, and on the 17th of July, 1866, elected Corresponding Secretary.

2. Rev. Dr. Morris having resigned his post as member of the committee,

Rev. Dr. McCron was chosen in his place, and on the 1st of April, 1867, appointed Chairman of the Committee.

3. On February 10th, 1868, the peculiar work for which Rev. M. Officer had been appointed, viz., the exploring of mission fields, securing missionaries, and obtaining the active co-operation of the Synods, being, in his own judgment and that of the Committee, for the time completed, his resignation was tendered and accepted, and his appointment made out as missionary to Van Wert, Ohio.

II. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

From the necessities of the Church, a two-fold work has been imposed upon the Committee, viz.: 1. The founding of missions; and, 2. The completing and sustaining of the organization of the Society itself as a basis from which to work. Accordingly the Committee and their agent, the General Superintendent, have been engaged in exploring the field, securing and sustaining competent missionaries, and at the same time persuading the several Synods to co-operate, securing their pledges and actual assumption of the several fields as they have been explored, and as a missionary has been secured, and the nucleus of a church organization been gathered. In this work the General Superintendent, Rev. M. Officer, has been eminently diligent and successful. He has explored the field in person, selected the sites of the various missions, secured the missionaries, in many cases effected in person the first organizations, and visited and secured the pledges of the various District Synods to the several fields. The work of the Committee, in conjunction with their faithful Superintendent, has been almost entirely merely advisory.

As the fruits of these labors and plans, the Committee would report the following results:

1. *Synods in co-operation with the Society.*

The following Synods have been in active co-operation with the Society during the past two years, viz.: Synod of Maryland, West Pennsylvania, East Pennsylvania, Miami, East Ohio, Wittenberg, O., Olive Branch, Ind., Pittsburg, Central Pennsylvania, Northern Indiana, New Jersey, New York Synod, Susquehanna. The Iowa Synod, Synod of Northern Illinois, and Central Illinois, propose connection, though they have not as yet been in active co-operation. There are, then, sixteen of the twenty-one Synods which are in connection with the General Synod, now connected with the Home Missionary Society of the General Synod.

The majority of these the General Superintendent visited, and induced to become responsible for the support of particular mission fields, thus giving a new reliability to the operation of the Society, and not leaving our Missions and Missionaries dependent on the uncertain contributions of a tardy church at large.

2. *Amount of Funds received for the past two years to date:*

As follows:

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| From Synods in connection with the Society,... | \$4765.96 |
| “ Synods in Pennsylvania,..... | \$1510.61 |
| “ Synods in Ohio,..... | 1883.27 |
| “ Synods of Maryland,..... | 724.08 |
| “ Synods of Indiana,..... | 498.00 |
| “ Synods of New York,..... | 150.00 |
| Total..... | \$4,765.96 |
| From individuals, and individual churches,..... | 3,491.81 |
| Sum total..... | \$8,257.77 |

The receipts of the preceding term of two years were \$5,700.93, showing an excess during the past term of two years of \$2,526.84. We see from this that the lamentable schism in the Church which took place at Fort Wayne, has not resulted in any diminution, but rather in an increase of activity in the missionary operations of the General Synod. It was not the strength, but the weakness of the Church that separated from us.

3. *Mission Stations and Missionaries.*

The number of missionaries supported during the past two years has been twenty-one. Of these, ten have either withdrawn from the Society's funds, being supported entirely by their own people, or else have taken other charges, a very few of the missions having been discontinued as hopeless. The missionaries now on the funds are eleven. The number is small, but the fields they occupy are of greater relative importance than any equal number that have ever been filled by the Society's exertions before. Such missions as those at St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, Wheeling, Des Moines, Tipton, Mo., are worth, as regards prospective usefulness, and as centres of future influence, a score of the petty points on which so much labor and money has in time past been expended.

The following is a list of the Missionaries aided by the Society, and of their salaries:

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| Rev. A. M. Geiger, Des Moines, Iowa,..... | \$600— | to Dec. 31, 1868. |
| “ L. Wischaupt, Bryan, O.,..... | 100— | “ “ “ “ |
| “ A. W. Wagenhals, Kansas City, Mo.,..... | 400— | “ Apr. 1, 1868. |
| “ A. J. Imhoff, Urbana, O.,..... | 200— | “ “ “ “ |
| “ E. J. Keplinger, Tipton, Mo.,..... | 500— | “ May 22, 1868. |
| “ A. J. Hesson, Topeka, Ks.,..... | 400— | “ Sep. 1, 1868. |
| “ S. W. Harkey, St. Louis, Mo.,..... | 600— | “ Oct. 1, 1868. |
| “ S. B. Barnitz, Wheeling, W. Va.,..... | 300— | “ “ “ “ |
| “ J. H. A. Kitzmiller, Wellersburg, Pa.,..... | 50— | “ Jan. 1, 1868. |
| “ J. F. Shearer, Mt. Vernon, O.,..... | 300— | “ Oct. 1, 1868. |
| “ M. Officer, Van Wert, O.,..... | 500— | “ Mar. 1, 1869. |

Immediately after the last session of the Society, and the reception of the last report of the Executive Committee, the nine Missionaries of the Minnesota Synod, formerly supported by the General Synod Society, were transferred to the funds of the Old Pennsylvania Synod.

4. *Statistics of Churches receiving Missionary aid.*

Number received by Baptism and Confirmation, 207. Number received by Certificate, 251. Number of Communicants, 1,579. Sunday-schools, 24. Sunday-school scholars, 2,035. Number of churches built, 2. The church at Des Moines is building now. The Church at Wheeling has purchased a lot, and proposes soon to build. At Lawrence, Kansas, a church lot has been bought and paid for. At Van Wert, \$4,000 have been raised by the exertion of Rev. M. Officer, the Missionary there, to build a church. The Church at Mt. Vernon, O., has paid \$1,800 on a lot and church building, and has the rest provided for. At Bardstown, Ky., the Church has purchased a parsonage.

These figures, however, do by no means express the progress made in the Home Mission work, and in the furtherance of Lutheranism by the labors of the past two years. In that time the great States of Missouri and Kansas, teeming with a population of Lutheran descent and attachments, has been opened up to the Society, and fine points of central and growing influence secured. St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, Tipton, and Lawrence, are missions of no ordinary interest. The work at St. Louis, Kansas City, and Topeka, already is fairly progressing. Nor are these places important simply in view of their own strength. They must become centres from which influences will radiate to all the rest of the State. They promise to become mother churches to a large and wide-spread Lutheranism through the valley of the Mission.

III. NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY.

In addition to the support necessary to sustain and fully establish speedily these important posts, the Committee would present the following urgent cases:

Lawrence, Kansas, a growing and flourishing city now supplied with occasional preaching by the Missionary at Topeka, demands a Missionary to itself. It is useless, however, to send a man there, however well supported, unless aid is also furnished for the erection of some sort of church edifice.

Atchison, Ks., also needs a man. At Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa, there is urgent necessity that a Missionary be immediately sent. Support for a travelling Missionary, for at least six months in the year, within the bounds of the Pittsburg Synod, is earnestly desired. These wants are immediate, and growing directly out of the limited scale on which the Society is now working. They are wants within the small field that the Committee have felt authorized to occupy. If we look beyond the scope of our present operations, and propose to undertake the large fields in Iowa, Illinois, and among the great German population within the bounds of the General Synod, then our needs are multiplied tenfold. It is useless, however, to look abroad for other fields, unless the Church is aroused to a much deeper sense of her responsibility in this matter of Home Missions. It has been only by the most strenuous toil on the part of the General Superintendent, as he has journeyed from Synod to Synod, that pledges sufficient have been secured to plant on a feeble basis, and meagerly sustain, the above-mentioned important missions in Missouri. Even now they are but feebly equipped for efficient service. The

Church at Tipton should have a church building. The Church at St. Louis should be aided in securing a church edifice. In Lawrence, Atchison, Topeka, and Kansas city, our scanty means have crippled us. The Committee might enlarge on the difficulty of finding suitable men to enter the missionary field, the narrowness of their means, the sad need of greater efficiency on the part of the Church Extension Society, a great part of whose work has fallen heavily on the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society, but they forbear. These wants are all known to the Church. They only urge on the District Synods and the individual ministers the necessity of a more hearty, continuous, and systematic effort to raise the means necessary to plant all our missions on a firm basis, and to supply the pressing need of the many places that call to us for help.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Committee recommend:

1. That some plan be adopted by which, when a missionary is sent out to these new and important fields, he can be immediately aided in procuring a lot, and, if need be, in erecting a place of worship. The Committee has learned by sad experience that nothing of worth can be done in these great centres of the West till a decent church house has been secured. A great part of their labor and perplexity has been to make provision for such wants. It is true this work properly belongs to the Church Extension Society, but the Committee has been compelled to enter into it. They ought to be authorized to do it fully and systematically, or such steps taken as shall make the Church Extension Society a reliable auxiliary in the Home Mission work.
2. That the Executive Committee be removed from Baltimore to some point west of the Alleghanies.

JOHN McCRON, *Chairman Ex. Com.*,
C. A. STORK, *Cor. Secretary*,
G. H. BRANDAU,
T. N. KURTZ,
P. KEPHART.

On motion, the report was received, and the recommendations considered *seriatim*.

The first recommendation was read, and on motion was adopted. The second recommendation was read, but was not concurred in.

On motion, the locality of the Executive Committee was removed from Baltimore, Md., to York, Pa.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole.

LIST OF LIFE MEMBERS.

The following list of Life Members was then read:

List of Life Members of Home Missionary Society, made by contribution of Twenty-five Dollars.

1. Rev. J. A. Kunkelman,..... by John Ohr, Esq.
2. Gen. U. S. Grant,..... by Rev. A. Wieting.
3. Mrs. Kunkelman,..... by Rev. Thomas H. Lane.

4. Sec. H. McCulloch,..... by Dr. E. Greenwald and others.
5. Rev. H. W. Kuhns,..... by Dr. L. Sternberg and others.
6. Rev. J. G. Butler,..... by Rev. P. Raby and others.
7. Rev. H. Wells,..... by Rev. A. H. Myers and others.
8. Gen. O. Howard,..... by Rev H. S. Boer.
9. Rev. J. F. Stelling,..... by A. Hummel, Esq.
10. Mrs. Elmira Baltzly,..... by Thomas Walters.
11. George Slear,..... by Dreisbach's Ch., Union Co., Pa.
12. Miss Christie Amanda Harter,..... by Isaac Harter.
13. Mrs. Susan Gotwald..... by Aaronsburg Church, Pa.
14. John W. Shutter,..... by Wrightsville Church, Pa.
15. Mrs. Lottie H. Hough,..... by Plymouth Charge, Ohio.
16. Rev. Adam Helwig,..... by Plain Church, Ohio.
17. George Baker,..... by Centreville Church, Pa.
18. Mrs. Krape,..... by David Krape
19. John App,..... by Eng. Luth. Ch., Selinsgrove, Pa.
20. A. Erkenbrecher,..... by himself.
21. Rev. Geo. B. Ort, by Croft's Church, Ohio.
22. Mrs. Catharine Ort, by " " "
23. Mrs. Catharine Rockey,..... by Charles Rockey.
24. David Reitzel,.....
25. Edward G. Smyser,..... by 1st Eng. Lu. Ch. S. S., York, Pa.
26. Mrs. Rebecca Eyster,..... by S. S. of Christ Ch., Gettysb'g, Pa.
27. Mrs. John Croll,..... by S. S. of Eng. Luth. Ch., Middle-
town, Pa.
28. Mrs. Phoebe Jane Goodlin,..... by S. S. of Eng. Lu. Ch., Canton, O.
29. Mrs. Effie J. Wiler,..... by St. John's Ch., Richland Co., O.
30. J. Henry Kurtz,..... by S. S. of Evg. Luth. Ch., Potts-
ville, Pa.
31. Rev. Matthias H. Richards,..... by Mr. Huntzinger.
32. J. Nagle,..... by " "
33. Rev. Uriel Graves,..... by Charles Lord and others.
34. Miss Mary Butler,..... by S. S. of St. Paul's Eng. Luth.
Church, Washington, D. C.
35. Rev. Jacob Post,..... by H. Staats.
36. Rev. Geo. B. Miller, D.D.,..... by Rev. Wm. Scholl and others.
37. Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D.,..... by Rev. A. C. Wedekind and others.
38. Mrs. Martha M. Barclay,..... by Robert Hendricks and others.
39. Rev. Joseph H. Barclay,..... by Carl Hine and others.
40. Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D.D.,..... by Geo. P. Ockershausen.
41. Rev. Geo. F. Ehrenfeld,..... by Members of Pittsburg Synod.
42. Rev. J. W. Schwartz,..... by Worthington Church, Pa.
43. Miss Kate Schwartz,..... by Peter Graff.
44. Miss Esther J. McClelland,..... by " "
45. Miss Sarah E. Morrison,..... by " "
46. E. C. Bender,..... by 1st Luth. S. S., York, Pa.
47. Rev. J. H. Brown,..... by S. S., Luth. Ch., Bucyrus, Ohio.
48. Miss Emma M. King,..... by Peter Graff.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

A Committee, consisting of Rev. G. Diehl, D.D., Rev. M. Officer, Rev. J. A. Brown, D.D., I. V. Hoshour, and A. Gebhart, was appointed to nominate officers. The following nominations were presented and confirmed:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President,

Rev. S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D.

Vice-Presidents,

Rev. S. W. HARKEY, D.D.,

Rev. C. A. HAY, D.D.,

Rev. S. SPRECHER, D.D.,

Hon. C. KUGLER,

A. GEBHART, Esq.,

H. SAXTON, Esq.

Recording Secretary,

Rev. J. W. GOODLIN.

Corresponding Secretary,

Rev. W. M. BAUM, D.D.,

Treasurer,

E. G. SMYSER, Esq.

Executive Committee,

Rev. A. H. LOCHMAN

Rev. W. M. BAUM, D.D.,

Rev. A. W. LILLY,

Rev. J. H. MENGES,

E. G. SMYSER, Esq.,

D. KRABER, Esq.

A GENERAL AGENT NEEDED.

On motion, it was

Resolved, As the sense of this Society, that a General Agent was absolutely essential to the efficiency and success of our Home Missionary operations.

After remarks of a general character concerning the work, the Society adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. T. T. Titus.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.

The Anniversary of the Society was held in the evening. The exercises were opened by reading the Scriptures, singing, and the offering of a prayer by Rev. S. Sprecher, D.D.

ADDRESSES.

Appropriate addresses were made by Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D., Rev. A. M. Geiger, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, and Rev. M. Officer.

After the addresses, efforts were made to secure funds for the Society. These resulted in the following persons being made Life Members by the payment of the required sum of \$25: Mrs. A. M. Philson, by Samuel Philson; Mrs. Mary E. German, by Alex. Gebhart; Rev. Geo. W. Hemperly, by the Susquehanna Synod; J. J. Culler, M. D., by the Sunday School of Jefferson Church, Md.; Mrs. Cassandra Kepner, by Isaac Loucks; Rev. M. Officer, by Rev. A. M. Geiger and others; Mrs. Margaret Cameron, by Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D.; Mrs. Rebecca Hay, by Mrs. Margaret Cameron; Mrs. C. J. Stelling, by Sunday School of Zion Church, Harrisburg, Pa.; Mrs. A. R. Howbert, by Rev. A. R. Howbert; Gov. John W. Geary and his wife, by Henry Goodman; Hon. Simon Cameron, by A. F. Ockershausen; Valentine Hummel, by James W. Weir; Mrs. M. Snyder, by J. H. Snyder; Rev. S. B. Barnitz, by friends; Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D., by Col. J. P. Brua; Mrs. Susan Young, by herself; Mrs. M. L. Baum, by Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D.; Rev. A. H. Lochman, D.D., by E. G. Smyser; Rev. G. F. Stelling, by J. R. Eby; Mrs. Jacob Buehler, by M. Buehler; J. C. Koller, by J. V. Hoshour; Rev. Prof. Augustus Tholuck, D.D., and wife, of the University of Halle, and Rev. Prof. Beck, D.D., of the University of Tübingen, by Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, A. Gebhart, J. R. Eby, and others; Mrs. Susan Loucks, by Isaac Loucks.

J. W. GOODLIN,

Rec. Sec. Home Missionary Society.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

WEDNESDAY, May 13th, 1868.

The Society met this morning upon the suspension of the business of the General Synod. The President being absent, on motion Rev. Dr. Pohlman, President of the General Synod, was called to the chair.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. E. W. Hutter, D.D., read the following report:

The Executive Committee of the Church Extension Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, begs leave respectfully to report:

That, for reasons upon which it is not necessary to enlarge, comparatively little has been done by the Executive Committee since the meeting held two years ago at Fort Wayne. Having no Collecting Agent in the field, and no steps having been taken otherwise to increase the fund, our operations since then have necessarily been restricted to the funds then in the Treasury. There have been received, however, \$379.57 in the form of interest due on outstanding obligations, and \$170 in payment of notes that have come to maturity. Loans have been made during the interval, amounting in the aggregate to \$2800. The expenses during the two years have amounted to \$18.50. From the Report of the Treasurer, it will be seen, that the assets of the Society, constituting the basis of its operations, amount to \$12,361.27, viz.:

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| Notes due and unpaid, | . | . | . | . | . | \$6,162 00 |
| Notes not yet due, | . | . | . | . | . | 4,270 00 |
| Cash on hand, | . | . | . | . | . | 1,929 27 |
| | | | | | | \$12,361 27 |

Notwithstanding all difficulties, the Church Extension Society has accomplished a large amount of good in our Lutheran Zion. Forty-six churches

have received pecuniary aid, a number of which, it is fair to presume, would not have been built had they not been assisted from its funds.

As four of the seven members of the Executive Committee, including the Treasurer, belong to churches no longer in connection with the General Synod, the Committee will require to be *reconstructed*. It is due, indeed, to these last-named brethren to state that, whilst they have not sent in any formal declination, they do not expect nor desire to be re-appointed.

Your Corresponding Secretary also requests to be relieved of a further continuance in this post. Ever since the Society's organization he has served in this capacity. Being greatly over-taxed by the labors and duties devolved on him, he finds it impossible to bestow on the interests of this Society that care, supervision, and attention which their importance and their arduous character require. To continue them in his hands, even with the best intentions on his part, they must inevitably suffer. The Society, as you have heard, has a basis of more than twelve thousand dollars. With a Corresponding Secretary less encumbered than the present with other duties, without doubt a large proportion of the outstanding dues can be collected, and the fund largely increased by additional collections. As the labors of such a Corresponding Secretary, however, will prove exceedingly burdensome, they should not be asked gratuitously. If he be a poor man, especially a poor minister, he should receive some compensation for his work. Other denominations appoint to this office, at adequate salaries, persons who devote their entire time and talents, thus making Church Extension a specialty in the church; and to this fact, no doubt, may be attributed their greater success. If the Society shall conclude to make Philadelphia the continued centre of operations, the undersigned thinks he can name a gentleman, to fill the office of Corresponding Secretary, eminently qualified to prosecute its affairs vigorously and successfully.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, however, it was suggested that the removal of the Society to some one of our Western towns or cities might be advisable, and the Corresponding Secretary was requested to offer this as a proposition to the Society, which he accordingly does. The Society will judge of its propriety and feasibility. Under the blessed stimulus given to all the operations of the Church by this most spirited, harmonious, and delightful session of our General Synod, and the prospect of an equally gratifying and successful meeting, a year hence, at Cincinnati, not overlooking at any time, of course, our constant reliance on the Divine favor, the Church Extension Society may yet realize the expectations of its founders, and prove a substantial blessing to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. HUTTER,

Corresponding Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 10, 1868.

TRANSFER OF SOCIETY TO DAYTON.

It was moved and—

Resolved, That the seat of operations of the Society be transferred from Philadelphia to Dayton, Ohio.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. J. Swartz, Rev. Dr. S. W. Harkey, A. Gebhart, Rev. M. Officer and Rev. J. B. Helwig were appointed a committee to nominate officers.

COLLECTIONS TO BE URGED.

On motion,

Resolved, That our Synods be requested to continue to take collections in behalf of the Church Extension Society, and urge its importance on the people.

ON COMPENSATING CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the question of compensation of the Corresponding Secretary be referred to the Executive Committee.

CASE OF CHURCH AT MENDOTA.

On motion,

Resolved, That the case of the church at Mendota be referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer read his report, which was given into the hands of an auditing committee, consisting of Messrs. A. Gebhart and E. G. Smyser.

REPORT.

WM. M. HEYL, TREASURER, *in account with the Church Extension Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.*

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| 1866. | | | |
| May 12. | To Balance..... | | \$4198 20 |
| 31. | " Cash—Interest and prem. on \$500. U. S. 7-30 sold | | 24 85 |
| July 3. | " do do do..... | | 28 90 |
| Aug. 13. | " do Received from Emmanuel Church, Trevorton, | | 70 00 |
| | " do do Interest on City Loan,..... | | 6 00 |
| Sept. 3. | " do do Interest on 10-40 U. S. Bonds.. | | 91 42 |
| 1867. | | | |
| Jan. 8. | " do do Interest on City Loan..... | | 6 00 |
| Mar. 2. | " do do Interest on 10-40 U. S. Bonds.. | | 69 38 |
| | " do do Interest to Nov. 30, on deposit | | |
| | | in Penn'a Life Insur'e Trust Co | 16 70 |
| Sept. 5. | " do do Interest on 10-40 U. S. Bonds.. | | 63 25 |
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| Mar. 17. | " do do of Zion Evangelical Lutheran | | |
| | | Church, St. Paris, Ohio..... | 100 03 |

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

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| Mar. 17. | To Cash received from Interest on 10-40 U. S. Bonds.. | 53 53 |
| 21. | " do do Interest to Nov. 30, on deposits in Pennsylvania Life Insurance and Trust Co..... | 14 62 |
| May 1. | " do do Interest to date on ditto. | 4 92 |
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| May 31. | By an order drawn in favor of the First English Lutheran Church Mount Vernon, Ohio..... | \$500 00 | |
| Nov. 16. | " Rev. E. W. Hutter, Stamps, &c..... | 10 00 | |
| 30. | " an order drawn in favor of the Ev. Lutheran Church, Butler, DeKalb Co., Ind..... | 500 00 | |
| Dec. 1. | " Cash paid for printing circulars.... | 8 50 | |
| 1867. | | | |
| Aug. 2. | " an order drawn in favor of the Ev. Lutheran Church, Monroeville, Ind. | 500 00 | |
| Oct. 7. | " an order drawn in favor of the Eng. Ev. Lutheran Church, Kickapoo, Ill. | 300 00 | |
| 1868. | | | |
| Jan. 15. | " an order drawn in favor of the Eng. Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo. | 500 00 | |
| Feb. 17. | " an order drawn in favor of the 1st Ev. Lutheran Church, Nebraska City, Na..... | 500 00— | 2818 50 |
| Balance on hand..... | | | <hr/> \$1929 27 |

NOTES ON HAND.

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| Zion Church, St. Paris, Ohio..... | \$100 00 |
| Evangelical Lutheran Church of Logan..... | 400 00 |
| St. John's Church, New Castle, Ind..... | 400 00 |
| German Lutheran Church, Quihi, Texas..... | 200 00 |
| German Lutheran Church, Castroville, Texas..... | 300 00 |
| Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbus, Texas..... | 100 00 |
| First English Lutheran Church, Mendota, Ill..... | 300 00 |
| Amity Lutheran Church, Lena, Ill..... | 300 00 |
| St. John's Church, Benton Township, Hocking Co., Ohio..... | 100 00 |
| German Evang. Lutheran Church, Watertown, Wis.. | 167 00 |
| First Evang. Lutheran Church, Knoxville, Iowa..... | 400 00 |
| English Evang. Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa. | 500 00 |
| Zion Evang. Lutheran Church, Lykenstown, Pa..... | 500 00 |
| First Evang. Lutheran Church, Mt. Carroll, Ill..... | 300 00 |
| Christ Church, Quakertown, Pa..... | 500 00 |
| German Evang. Lutheran Church, Camden, N. J..... | 500 00 |

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| Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Trevorton, Pa..... | \$140 00 | |
| German Evang. Lutheran Church, Farmington, Iowa | 75 00 | |
| Samuel's Lutheran Church, Perry Co., Pa..... | 280 00 | \$ 70 00 |
| Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Liberty, Ohio... | 100 00 | 400 00 |
| St. Stephen's Ev. Luth. Church, West Philada., Pa.. | | 500 00 |
| First Evang. Lutheran Church, Canton, Ill..... | | 500 00 |
| First Eng. Ev. Luth. Church, Mt. Vernon, Ohio..... | | 500 00 |
| Evang. Lutheran Church, Butler, DeKalb Co., Ind... | | 500 00 |
| Evang. Luth. Church, Monroeville, Allen Co., Ind... | | 500 00 |
| English Evang. Lutheran Church, Kickapoo, Ill..... | | 300 00 |
| English Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo..... | | 500 00 |
| First Evang. Luth. Church, Nebraska City, Neb..... | | 500 00 |
| A mortgage of the Eng. Evang. Luth. Church East Germantown, for \$598.90, for a Loan of..... | 500 00 | |
| | <hr/> \$6162 00 | <hr/> \$4270 00 |

Being no longer Synodically connected with the General Synod, the Society will please authorize the auditing committee that may be appointed, to receive the money and securities that I now hold, and receipt for the same.

Very respectfully,

WM. M. HEYL.

May 5th, 1868.

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

E. G. SMYSER,

May 13th, 1868.

A. GEBHART.

The nominating committee reported the following named persons, who were then elected by the Society:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President,

REV. PROF. H. R. GEIGER.

Recording Secretary,

REV. LUTHER A. GOTWALD.

Corresponding Secretary,

REV. J. B. HELWIG.

Treasurer,

JOSIAH GEBHART, Esq.

Executive Committee,

MR. SIMON GEBHART,

MR. B. N. BEAVER,

MR. JACOB LENTZ,

MR. P. A. SCHINDLER,

MR. ADAM EPLY.

The Society adjourned to meet in Cincinnati, at the time of the next meeting of the General Synod.

T. T. TITUS,

Rec. Sec. of Church Extension Society.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY, MAY 11th, 1868.

According to previous announcement, this Society met in the First Lutheran Church of Harrisburg, Pa., May 11, 1868, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The President of the Society, Hon. C. Kugler, called the meeting to order.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. T. Stork, D.D.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the previous regular meeting was dispensed with.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, Rev. E. W. Hutter, D.D., read the biennial report, which was adopted.

INITIATORY ACTION OF A MARYLAND CONFERENCE.

Although a Publication Society had long been an admitted necessity in the Lutheran Church of this country, the first *formal* step towards its organization was reserved for the Conference of Western Maryland, in connection with the Maryland Synod. The precise date of this action we have not been able to discover, but it appears that a *Plan* was submitted to that Conference, and that some progress was made in maturing it. This must have been during the year 1852 or 1853.

SECONDED BY THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE.

The next step in this direction was made by the Susquehanna Conference, then in connection with the East Pennsylvania Synod. This meeting was held at Danville, November 22, 1853, when a preamble and resolutions were adopted to the effect that the gradual *Americanization* of the Lutheran Church in this country, and the consequent rapid spread of the English language, rendered such a Society an absolute necessity. Among the reasons offered

for its formation, it was stated that other denominations were appropriating and mutilating the theological literature of our church. It was, therefore, resolved to agitate the organization of a "Church Translation and Publication Society," with a view of having the best Lutheran works furnished to the Church in English, translated by *its own* members. A correspondence was at the same time opened with members of the Western Maryland Conference.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE AGAIN URGES IT.

The next movement was again made by the Susquehanna Conference, which, at a meeting, held January 10, 1854, at Sunbury, took the following action:

"*Resolved*, That a Society be organized, to be called '*The Lutheran Translation and Publication Society*,' the object of which shall be to have translated and published, in complete editions, in the English language, orthodox Lutheran Theological works, such as Arndt's '*True Christianity*,' Luther's works, a good Lutheran Commentary, and other works in Practical and Dogmatical Theology, Church History," &c.

At this meeting a *systematized* plan was agreed on, and embodied in a series of resolutions, twelve in number.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE URGES A CONVENTION.

At the next meeting of the Susquehanna Conference, held at Lewisburg, February 27, 1854, the subject was again brought forward, when Rev. Messrs. Ziegler, Willard, and Born, having been appointed a Committee for that purpose, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

"A PUBLICATION SOCIETY, such as is contemplated by the action of this Conference, is loudly called for by the interests of the Lutheran Church of the United States. We know, however, that such an undertaking will require a considerable expenditure of funds, and that it would be desirable and necessary to secure the co-operation of all the members of the Lutheran Church friendly to such an organization. They, therefore, regard the calling of a *Convention* as the *only* plan to insure success to the enterprise."

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE MEMORIALIZES THE CHURCH.

The next meeting of the Susquehanna Conference was held at Milton, April 11, 1854, when the necessity of a Publication Society was again urged, and Rev. Messrs. Bittle, Winecoff, and Ehrehart, were appointed a Committee to memorialize the Church in regard to it, with the view of bringing the subject before Synods and congregations.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE URGES IT A FIFTH TIME.

At the next meeting of the Conference, held at Selinsgrove, June 6, 1854, the above Committee reported that they had issued and circulated such a memorial at the expense of the Conference.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE URGES IT A SIXTH TIME.

On the 6th of November, 1854, the Susquehanna Conference, notwith-

standing the disheartening tardiness of the Church, in responding to their action, again took the subject in hand, and once more urged the calling of a Convention, to digest and perfect a plan of organization.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE BRINGS IT BEFORE THE EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

Thus far, we perceive, this subject has been confined to two Conferences. On the 23d of September, 1854, the East Pennsylvania Synod met in Christ Church, Lewisburg, when the brethren belonging to the Susquehanna Conference formally brought the same before Synod.

THE EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD CALLS A CONVENTION.

The subject was referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. G. Parson, Rev. D. H. Bittle, and W. W. Heinen, Esq., who reported as follows:

"The Committee appointed to report upon the plan submitted to this body, from the Susquehanna Conference, in regard to a Translation and Publication Society, beg leave to report:

I. *Resolved*, That we highly approve of the idea of circulating our German Evangelical and Practical Theological Literature as extensively as possible.

II. *Resolved*, That we consider some organization necessary and feasible, by which the mind of the churches can be more especially awakened on this subject.

III. *Resolved*, That this Synod call a Convention of the Church, and that a Committee, consisting of five members, be appointed to select a place and time of meeting, and make all other necessary arrangements."

Rev. D. H. Bittle, Rev. T. Stork, Rev. C. A. Smith, Rev. E. W. Hutter, and Rev. L. E. Albert, were appointed the Committee, provided for by the last resolution.

A CONVENTION HELD AT GERMANTOWN—SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

In pursuance of this action of the East Pennsylvania Synod, a Convention was called and held in the Church of Rev. L. E. Albert, at Germantown, on Tuesday, May 1, 1855. We have before us the official Minutes of that Convention, in which it is explicitly declared that it was convened at the instance of the *East Pennsylvania Synod*, on the suggestion of the *Susquehanna Conference*. It is, nevertheless, due to history to state, that other Synods were also represented. A majority of those present belonged to the Pennsylvania and East Pennsylvania Synods, the latter predominating. Rev. Benjamin Keller officiated as President, and the writer of this report as Secretary. At this Convention the *present* Lutheran Publication Society was *formally* organized, a Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and the necessary machinery set in motion. Then and there it was likewise,

"*Resolved*, That the delegates to the *General Synod*, present in this Convention, be authorized and requested to report these proceedings to that body, and request its concurrence and co-operation in the same."

BROUGHT BEFORE THE GENERAL SYNOD.

This request was complied with at the meeting of the General Synod, held at Dayton, Ohio, June 14, 1855; the action of the General Synod, at that meeting, being as follows:

"Resolved, That, whilst we *decidedly* approve of the general objects of the '*Lutheran Publication and Translation Society*,' recently organized in Philadelphia, Pa., this Synod feels itself unable to take any action in its favor, which may be construed as an endorsement of its intended publications, until the Constitution of the Society be so altered as to allow an official representation in its Executive Committee, on the part of this Synod."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED.

The Executive Committee of the Society, chosen by ballot, by the Convention at Germantown, composed of Revs. J. C. Baker, J. A. Brown, C. A. Smith, C. W. Schaeffer, E. W. Hutter, C. F. Schaeffer, W. J. Mann, T. Stork, and J. G. Morris, or at least a majority of them, held regular meetings, for some time afterwards, in the study of St. Matthew's Church, but subsequently their place of meeting was changed to a room over the book establishment of Messrs. Lindsay & Blakiston, Sixth Street, above Chestnut, Philadelphia.

LUTHERAN HOME JOURNAL STARTED.

Being without funds, the progress of the Board in the work committed to it was necessarily slow. Nevertheless, at an early period of its organization, it began the publication of the "*Lutheran Home Journal*," which proved to it a *losing* business—from no fault of the Board, however, but owing to the insufficiency of the patronage bestowed on it by the Church at large.

A GENERAL AGENT SECURED.

It was not until the month of February, 1857, nearly *two years* after the Convention held at Germantown, that the Board succeeded in securing the service of a General and Collecting Agent, and thus inaugurated means of supplying itself with funds. After the appointment had been offered to, and declined by, several brethren, the Rev. BENJAMIN KELLER, after much hesitation and prayerful deliberation, acceded to the earnest entreaties of the Board, resigned the pastorate of St. James' German Church in Philadelphia, and accepted the General Agency. The zeal and assiduity of Rev. Mr. Keller in prosecuting his work are too widely known, and too universally acknowledged, to require commendation here. In season and out of season, in sunshine and in storm, did this venerated father devote himself, with untiring self-abnegation, to the difficult task assigned him, so that it is scarcely exaggeration to affirm, that in the service of the Board he literally wore out the strength and substance of the last years of his life on earth.

DR. MANN PREPARES A DOCTRINAL BASIS.

At the first meeting of the Board, after the acceptance by Father Keller of his appointment as General Agent, viz.: February 10, 1857, Rev. W. J. Mann, D.D., moved "That the *Board do now define its position in regard to its doctrinal Basis.*" After full discussion, the following preamble and resolutions, proposed by that gentleman, were adopted. They are on the minutes in Dr. Mann's own hand-writing, and are in the following words:

"Whereas the Lutheran Board of Publication has secured the services of

the Rev. Benjamin Keller as General Agent, and desires to commend him and the interests of our Board to the whole Church: And,

Whereas, We, the members of the Board, deem it right to make, on this occasion, our position known to the Church. Therefore

Resolved, THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE GOSPEL IS CORRECTLY SET FORTH IN THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION.

Resolved, That we call upon *all* the members of the Lutheran Church to sustain us in this OUR STAND-POINT, and to co-operate with us, more efficiently to carry out our plans for future usefulness."

REV. MR. KELLER URGES UNION WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD.

At this same meeting, following in immediate continuity, Rev. B. Keller, having just accepted the General Agency, himself brought before the Board the subject of so altering the Constitution of the Society, as was required by the General Synod at Dayton, and of renewing the application for bringing the same into connection with the General Synod. A promise was hereupon given the General Agent, that both these requests should be attended to, at the then forthcoming meeting of the General Synod to be held at Reading.

It is, of course, needless to state, that the object sought to be attained, by these several acts on the part of the Board, was, to secure Mr. Keller free access to the Synods and Churches in connection with the General Synod, without whose co-operation it was seen his Agency must inevitably prove a failure. This object, indeed, is explicitly stated in the resolutions accompanying the Doctrinal Basis, prepared by Dr. Mann.

UNION WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD AGAIN URGED.

On the 28th of April, 1857, less than one month before the meeting of the General Synod at Reading, L. L. Houpt, Esq., then an active member of the Board, renewed the subject of seeking a connection with the General Synod, and offered resolutions to that effect.

UNION URGED AT READING.

The next Convention of the General Synod, viz.: the XVIIIth, was held at Reading, Pa., from May 14th to May 20th, 1857. The Publication Society held its annual meeting in the lecture-room of St. James' Church. Then and there the Board submitted a new Constitution, the II^d Article of which adopts the *Doctrinal Basis of the General Synod*. The public exercises concluded, and the Society resuming business, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"*Whereas*, The General Synod, at its last session, held in Dayton, Ohio, expressed its *approbation* of the general objects of the Lutheran Publication Society, then recently established in Philadelphia, and intimated its willingness to give its official sanction to said Society, so soon as its Constitution was so altered as to allow a representation on the part of the General Synod in its Executive Committee. Therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the Lutheran Publication Society is desirous of receiving the endorsement of the General Synod, in order that its efforts may be rendered more effective, and the co-operation of the whole Church secured.

"*Resolved*, That C. W. Schaeffer, D.D., W. M. Reynolds, D.D., and H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D., be appointed to communicate the above resolution to the General Synod."

GENERAL SYNOD'S ENDORSEMENT OBTAINED.

The foregoing propositions to the General Synod were adopted by the Society, Wednesday evening, May 18, 1857. On the following Friday afternoon, they were presented to the General Synod, and the history is best given in *verbatim* extracts from the Minutes:

"A communication was presented by Rev. Dr. C. W. Schaeffer from the Lutheran Publication Society, which was read, and the following resolution adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the *General Synod* expresses its approbation of the objects contemplated by the *Lutheran Publication Society*, and that a Committee of three be appointed to report in what manner this Synod shall be officially represented in the Board of Publication. Committee, W. D. Strobel, D. D., A. H. Lochman, D. D., and S. S. Schmucker, D. D."

On the following Tuesday, May 19, the above Committee reported as follows:

"The Committee appointed to recommend the proper action in relation to the Publication Society, report, that after the action of our last Convention, the subsequent response of the Society in its last report, and the resolution passed by us yesterday, nothing more seems to be necessary, than that the Society agree to an arrangement, by which this Synod shall, at each of its stated meetings, elect, by ballot, two members of the Board of Publication, who shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Publication Committee, to whom all books and pamphlets intended for publication shall be submitted for examination, and whose consent shall be necessary to their publication. To facilitate your action we recommend on the present occasion, the selection of Rev. C. A. Hay and Rev. G. F. Krotel." (Signed by the Committee.)

Synod then proceeded to elect by ballot two members of the Board of Publication, and Rev. C. A. Hay and Rev. G. F. Krotel were elected.

These proceedings in Synod took place in the *afternoon*. On the *evening* of the same day the Society held an adjourned meeting, when it was "*Resolved*, That the Society accede to the terms proposed, and that Rev. W. M. Baum be appointed to communicate the decision to the General Synod,"—which was done by Mr. Baum, as requested.

REJOICING IN THE BOARD OVER THE GENERAL SYNOD'S OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT.

The *new* Executive Committee, constituting the official *Board* of Publication, held its first meeting on Tuesday morning, May 26, 1857, *six days* after the adjournment of the General Synod held at Reading. Among the business transacted at this meeting of the Board was the following:

"A Committee having been appointed to present the Constitution of the Publication Society to the General Synod, convened in the city of Reading, for its approval, that document was accordingly read, and received the sanction of that body. Rev. C. A. Hay and Rev. G. F. Krotel were regularly elected by ballot to represent the General Synod in the Board of Publication. The Board, therefore, now consists of twenty-six members. Your Committee take pleasure in announcing that the Publication Board has now the official

sanction of the General Synod. Looking forward to a future, not only widely extended in point of usefulness, but also comparatively free from the difficulties that of necessity attend a new enterprise, we congratulate the Board on the prospect of harmony and success that await our future operations, and would urge them to increased action in behalf of the Lutheran Church in America." Signed, B. KELLER, E. W. HUTTER, LEWIS L. HOUP, JOHN C. BAKER.

REASONS FOR THIS HISTORICAL SKETCH.

We have been thus minute in our details of the history of the Publication Society, for the reason that efforts have been made, through editorials and communications, printed in the *Lutheran and Missionary*, to make it appear that this Society has had no *Synodical* origin, whereas it is undeniable, that the first formal organization of it was made by a call from the *East Pennsylvania Synod*, urged thereto by the *Susquehanna Conference*, in connection with that Synod. So, indeed, it is explicitly declared in the first sentence of the official minutes, in the words following: "A Convention, called by the, *East Pennsylvania Synod*, with a view of organizing a Lutheran Translation, and Publication Society, was held," &c. Had this record contained a historical inaccuracy, it would have been corrected at the next meeting of the Board, whereas it was confirmed.

WHO PROPOSED UNION WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD?

From this narrative it appears, that every effort made in the Board to seek a formal connection with the General Synod, emanated from those who are now opposing such connection as fraudulent and unjust. To effect such a union, the Rev. Dr. Mann even openly planted the Board on a Doctrinal Basis almost literally identical with that of the General Synod, and the Society itself, at Reading formally adopted the General Synod's Doctrinal Basis as *its own*, and incorporated the same in its fundametal law. Where we now stand, therefore, as a Board, doctrinally and in our relations to the General Synod, *our assailants themselves placed us*, and why complain of *their own work*?

DEPOSITORY PURCHASED.

The premises now owned and occupied as a Depository, No. 42 North Ninth Street, were purchased in the month of April, 1859.

REV. B. KELLER'S SERVICES.

Father Keller continued to serve as General Agent up to the month of April, 1862, when, by reason of advanced age and exhausted strength, he tendered his resignation. It was not, however, accepted, and he was continued in office to the time of his death, but relieved from the burden of its active duties, retaining the affectionate attachment of every member of the Board, together with a lively appreciation of his arduous and self-denying labors. He was succeeded by Rev. P. Willard, who served the Board in the capacity of General Agent, up to March 1, 1868, likewise with laborious and untiring zeal.

WHERE THE FUNDS WERE COLLECTED.

Since the meeting at Fort Wayne, it has been published to the world, with

reiterated emphasis, that by far the largest proportion of the moneys collected for this Society had been obtained from the Pennsylvania Synod, thereby implying, that to this Synod, of right, belong prerogatives not enjoyed by sister Synods. To this we deem it a sufficient answer to state, that no collections whatever were made by either of our General Agents *synodically*; but all of them, so far as we are advised, were received from *individuals as such*, and not as belonging to any particular Synod. Furthermore, if such a discrimination be allowed, it is an admitted fact, that *all* the Synods, in whose churches and from whose members collections were made, *belonged to the General Synod*, and that without the General Synod's churches not any collections were made that were made.

Nevertheless, to test the accuracy of the publications referred to, we have requested Rev. Mr. Willard, the late General Agent, to compile from the official Books a statement of all the subscriptions, and the amounts paid in, classified *synodically*, which he has done, and he reports the following result:

| | <i>Total subscriptions.</i> | <i>Total paid in.</i> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Synod of Pennsylvania..... | \$6,145 00 | \$5,878 95 |
| Synod of East Pennsylvania..... | 10,521 34 | 7,827 50 |
| Synod of West Pennsylvania..... | 5,785 70 | 4,340 75 |
| Synod of Central Pennsylvania..... | 4,610 56 | 2,809 35 |
| Allegheny Synod..... | 2,052 85 | 1,493 95 |
| Pittsburg Synod..... | 1,415 25 | 1,250 00 |
| Synod of Maryland..... | 2,447 58 | 2,169 57 |
| Melanchthon Synod..... | 1,223 50 | 571 05 |
| Synod of New Jersey..... | 908 30 | 523 30 |
| New York Ministerium..... | 121 50 | 121 50 |
| Virginia Synod..... | 211 00 | 202 00 |
| Miami Synod..... | 250 00 | 250 00 |
| Wittenberg Synod..... | 181 25 | 112 75 |
| Totals..... | \$35,823 83 | \$27,650 67 |

Intending no disrespect, certainly, to the venerable mother Synod, but simply in vindication of the truth of history, these figures show, that less than one-fifth of the moneys given to the Publication Society were collected in the Pennsylvania Synod, and that, both as to subscriptions and amounts paid, she is considerably behind the East Pennsylvania Synod. Gladly would we have avoided this comparison. It has been extorted by comparisons not in accordance with facts—comparisons, we have the charity to believe, not made with any *intent* to deceive, but rather from a disinclination to investigate, perhaps from not having access to proper sources of information. “He that is first in his own cause, seemeth just, but his neighbor cometh and searcheth him.” (Proverbs xviii. 17.)

SYNODICAL APPORTIONMENT OF THE BOARD.

The *synodical* division of the Board, by the Society, at Fort Wayne, is also made the subject of complaint. It is alleged that an unequal representation was given to the Pennsylvania Synod. To this result no one contributed so

largely as the complainants themselves. With a pre-determined purpose to destroy the General Synod, with which, nine years before, they had placed the Society in connection, and on whose Doctrinal Basis they had twice planted it, was it reasonable to expect that the Society, composed largely of the friends of the General Synod, would complacently relinquish its affairs into the hands of its enemies? Besides, a portion of the Board refused to serve any longer in this capacity, although entreated to continue in their places. *Nullus commodum capere potest de pena sua propria*, (no one can take advantage of his own wrong,) is one of the oldest and most approved maxims of the common law. If these brethren, ever treated in and by the Board with courtesy and respect, and called to its chief honors, had remained in and with it, it is fair to believe every just and equitable claim would have been freely accorded to them. They chose, however, to withdraw from the Board, for no better reason than that circumstances had placed them in a minority. Arduous and difficult as the duties devolved on the Board had always been, made painfully more so to those that remained at their posts, by the voluntary withdrawal of their late esteemed colleagues, with whom they had long taken counsel together, and walked in company, these responsibilities had, nevertheless, to be met and discharged as best they could be. Or did the withdrawing brethren expect that the rest also would go out, and thus leave the Society, established at so much cost, to die *felo de se*, and be buried, "without the benefit of clergy"?

But why complain of inequality of representation, when it is a fact that no clause of the Society's Constitution, By-laws, or other enactment, had ever contemplated any apportionment of the membership *synodically*. The Synod of Central Pennsylvania contributed \$2,800 to the Society's treasury, and has not a single representative in the Board. The Synod of Maryland gave \$2,169 to the fund, but was given no representative. The Alleghany Synod gave \$1,493, and she has none. The Melancthon Synod gave \$1,194, and yet has none. Here are four Synods, all noted for their attachment to the General Synod, who, unitedly, have paid into the treasury of the Publication Society \$7,185, and yet to neither of these Synods was there any representation given at Fort Wayne. Whereas, to the Pennsylvania Synod, contributing much more than a thousand dollars *less*, five representatives were given. If any Synods, *as such*, would have reason to complain, it would be the four Synods above referred to.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS.

Another complaint is, that the Board defrays the *travelling* expenses of those of its members who reside at a distance from the place of meeting. This fault, if fault it be, must likewise be shared by the complainants. Their withdrawal from the Board created a necessity for filling their places with *new* members. The Society, deeming it right and proper that the Board be not composed exclusively of residents of Philadelphia, selected a larger portion than formerly from the country. As a quorum of members could no longer be depended on from the city, in order to insure a fuller attendance, the Board deemed it reasonable and just that the travelling expenses of the *country* members, to and fro, be defrayed out of the funds of

the Society. These expenses, all told, during the two years' service, have amounted to between *fifty and sixty dollars—about thirty dollars per annum*. Other Publication Boards employ each a Secretary at a high salary to do the work which the officers of this Board render gratuitously, and we hold that it is paying a poor compliment to the sense of equity and right that characterizes the membership of our Church to suppose that this just line of treatment by the Board of its *country* members—most of them ministers in humble circumstances—can be successfully employed to excite against it opposition and prejudice.

REVIEW OF THE PAST.

We have thus far confined ourselves mainly to a historical narrative, derived from the *official* records, of the origin and progress of the Publication Society, and to a refutation—in the estimation of most of the Board, too long delayed—of the accusations made against it. A careful review of the past leads us, in no pharisaical spirit, but in sheerest self-defence, to affirm that the Board has “not done anything worthy of stripes,” but that, whilst subject to all the frailties and liable to all the mistakes incident to our common humanity, our record, from first to last, may safely challenge the closest scrutiny of all who may choose to make it.

PRESENT EFFICIENCY OF THE BOARD.

Whilst it is admitted that, owing to various causes, existing from the beginning, the expectations of the founders of the Publication Society have not been fully realized, we religiously affirm that this want of complete success does not date, as some would fain have the Church believe, from the time of the withdrawal of our former co-laborers after the proceedings at Fort Wayne. The real state of the case is, that the Board, *by reason of inadequacy of means*, never has been in a position to make extraordinary achievements in the consummation of the noble purposes contemplated. Since the last meeting at Fort Wayne, notwithstanding our inheritance of financial embarrassment, and notwithstanding the painful alienations resulting from a divided Church, with other antagonisms, against which we have been compelled to struggle, we have issued from the press, and circulated, *The Mission Work of Pastor Harms*, and the *Ascent of Mount Ararat*, two edifying works by Dr. Greenwald, and *Conversion of Captain Sees*, by Rev. Dr. Hay; and a plan has been matured, and sundry subscriptions secured, for the issue of a series of *Sunday-school books*. And, within the last week or two, we have issued from the press, and are now offering for sale, *The First American Edition of LUTHER'S TABLE-TALK*, reprinted from *Bohn's English edition*, translated and edited by *William Hazlitt*, in every sense a remarkable book, that has received the unqualified commendation of the best English critics. We likewise furnish to the Church “*The Life of GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS*, the renowned *Defender of the Faith*, translated from the French of L. Abelous, by Prof. L. W. HEY-DEXREICH, a beloved minister of our own Church, formerly of Philadelphia, Pa., but who has recently taken charge of a Classical School at Wilmington, N. C. Both these works are printed on a superior quality of paper, with clear and readable letter, and the binding and entire artistic finish are not surpassed, we think, by any American publications. These works, we ex-

pect, will find their way into every Lutheran Sunday-school and Lutheran household in America. In addition to all this, THE LUTHERAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL HERALD, so satisfactorily edited by Rev. M. Sheeleigh, is still published under our auspices, and commends itself to the patronage of all our Sunday-schools.

OUR LOCAL AGENT.

In this connection, we refer with pleasure to the Board's good fortune in having secured, as its Local Agent, so trustworthy and confiding a gentleman, so qualified and experienced a business man, as J. K. SHRYOCK, Esq., of Chambersburg. Under his careful and judicious management of its affairs, we have every reason to believe that former mistakes will be corrected, former pecuniary losses prevented, former complaints in keeping the accounts guarded against, and the entire business of the store be so conducted as to render full satisfaction to the patrons of the Board, and insure a higher degree of prosperity to itself. Not disguising our regrets that we have had so many trials to encounter, so many difficulties to overcome, in humble reliance on the kind guardianship of the Great Head of the Church, and the generous patronage and good-will of the Church itself, we "*thank God and take courage.*" By order of the Board,

E. W. HUTTER,
Cor. Sec'y.

Philadelphia, May 10, 1868.

THANKS FOR REPORT—TO BE ISSUED IN "LUTHERAN OBSERVER."

The following was passed in regard to the above report:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be extended to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, for his able and satisfactory Report, and that it be published in the *Lutheran Observer*.

A committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. S. A. Holman, M. Sheeleigh, E. W. Hutter, C. A. Hay, and J. H. Heck, was appointed to nominate officers for the Society. The Committee reported the following, which were accepted by a vote of the Society:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President,

HON. C. KUGLER.

Secretary,

REV. P. RABY.

Board of Publication,

REV. T. STORK, D.D.,

REV. P. RABY,

" E. W. HUTTER, D.D.,

" G. F. STELLING,

" L. E. ALBERT, D.D.,

" S. SENTMAN,

" M. SHEELEIGH,

" N. H. CORNELL,

" P. WILLARD,

" W. V. GOTWALD,

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| REV. J. HECK, | REV. C. A. STORK, |
| " F. W. CONRAD, D.D., | HON. C. KUGLER, |
| " S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D., | J. SULGER, Esq., |
| " A. C. WEDEKIND, D.D., | Mr. CARMANY, |
| " G. SILL, | " F. V. BEISEL, |
| " S. A. HOLMAN, | " G. P. OCKERSHAUSEN, |
| " J. R. DIMM, | " J. J. COCHRAN. |

TO PRINT LIST OF LIFE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS.

The following was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the officers of the Board be requested to prepare a correct list of all the Life Members and Life Directors of the Publication Society, and insert it in the proceedings of the Society, and also in the Catalogue.

LIST OF LIFE DIRECTORS.

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| Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Allentown, Pa. | F. W. Muhlenberg, Lancaster, Pa. |
| Rev. J. Shindel, Oreville, Lehigh Co., Pa. | Ann C. Witmer, " " |
| Rev. B. Keller, Philadelphia, Pa. | John Loats, Frederick, Md. |
| Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D., Barren Hill, Pa. | W. B. Baker, " " |
| Wm. Freas, Barren Hill, Pa. | H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D., Reading, Pa. |
| Henry S. Witmer, Marble Hall, Pa. | E. J. Deininger, " " |
| Daniel Yearke, Chestnut Hill, Pa. | R. M. Nicolls, " " |
| Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, Germantown, Pa. | Hon. Horatio Trexler, " " |
| Herman Haupt, Germantown, Phila., Pa. | John D. Becker, Baltimore, Md. |
| Rev. T. Stork, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa. | Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa. |
| J. Anspach, " " | Charles H. Baker, " " |
| W. F. Leach, " " | Mortimer Lewis, " " |
| Rev. E. W. Hutter, D.D., " " | Dorothea Poppel, " " |
| Davis Pearson, " " | W. L. Shaeffer, " " |
| Mary Reeside, St. Matthew's Ch., Phila. | Wm. Musser, " " |
| Hon. P. S. Michler, Christ Ch., Easton, Pa. | Mrs. E. Heyl, " " |
| John Wunderlich, Shippensburg, Pa. | Jas. Jones, " " |
| Conrad Keiner, " " | Mrs. Eliza Lewis, " " |
| George Beltzhoover, New Kingston, Pa. | S. W. Lewis, " " |
| M. G. Beltzhoover, Churchtown, Cumb'd Co. | Paul Peter Keller, " " |
| J. Beltzhoover, Churchtown, Cumb'd Co. | Joseph Diver, " " |
| J. H. Van Hoff, Cumberland Co., Pa. | D. Wolfenstine, " " |
| George Shryock, Gettysburg, Pa. | Mrs. G. W. Riter, " " |
| Andrew Polly, " " | Charles Neff, " " |
| Rev. W. J. Mann, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa. | Wm. Warner, Jr., " " |
| Emily Verin, " " | Samuel Baugh, " " |
| George K. Zigler, " " | Mrs. A. M. Straup, " " |
| Jacob Roedel, Lebanon, Pa. | Joseph Escherick, " " |
| John George, " " | Andrew Fie, Barren Hill, Montg. Co., Pa. |
| Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, D.D., New York. | Miss Eliz'th Lentz, " " " |
| F. W. Geissenhainer, Jr., New York, N. Y. | Catharine Ashmead, Germantown, Pa. |
| John Hursh, Shamokin, Pa. | George Ashmead, " " |
| Mary Hursh, " " | Rev. J. Ulrich, Shippensburg, Cumb'd Co. |
| Rev. C. P. Krauth, D.D., Pittsburg, Pa. | Samuel Gonel, Green Village, " " |
| W. S. Haven, " " | Lewis L. Houpt, Philadelphia, Pa. |
| Newmyer & Graeff, " " | C. F. Norton, " " |
| George Black, " " | Mrs. A. V. Murphy, " " |
| Edward Rahm, " " | Saml. Friedly, M.D., " " |
| — Marburg, Johnstown, Pa. | M. W. Baldwin, " " |
| George H. Krug, Lancaster, Pa. | Jacob Fisher, " " |

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| John A. Lewis, Philadelphia, Pa. | Elias Oberholtzer, Lionville, Chester Co. |
| A. M. Seltzer, " " | Wm. Bell, Altoona, Pa. |
| W. W. Kurtz, " " | Elizabeth Schwartz, Catasauqua, Pa. |
| C. P. Bower, " " | Jesse Wolf, Williamsburg, Pa. |
| D. Gilbert, M.D., " " | Charles Weiser, York, Pa. |
| S. H. Bush, St. Matthew's Ch., Philada. | Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D., Germantown, Pa. |
| John F. Jacoby, " " | Edward M. Lewis, " " |
| James Rimby, " " | Mrs. Eliza Stoner, " " |
| Martin Buehler, " " | Wm. Green, " " |
| Rev. John W. Hassler, Centre Square, Pa. | James Young, Middletown, Md. |
| Henry B. Ashmead, Philadelphia, Pa. | Alex. Kenny, Lionville, Chester Co., Pa. |
| C. Smith, St. Mark's, " " | Mrs. Eliza Gast, Pikeland, " " |
| Rev. E. Greenwald, D.D., Easton, Pa. | Charles Schmucker, Muncy, Pa. |
| Anthony Shry, Easton, Pa. | George P. Camp, Turbotville, " |
| John Eyerman, " " | S. Rumbel, St. Paul's, Catawissa Valley. |
| Rev. J. K. Plitt, Still Valley, Warren Co., N. J. | Rev. W. G. Laitale, Elizabethtown, Pa. |
| John Sterner, " " " | " M. L. Culler, Jefferson, Md. |
| Paul Feit, " " " | " C. A. Fetzer, Lykenstown, Pa. |
| Rev. Jacob Fry, Carlisle, Pa. | " F. A. Walz, St. John's, Lyken's Val'y. |
| Peter Gantz, Cumberland Co., Pa. | " B. W. Schmauk, Lebanon, Pa. |
| H. G. Moser, " " | " J. R. Sikes, Ashland, " |
| Lewis Bricker, Mechanicsburg, Pa. | " G. F. Miller, Pottstown, Pa. |
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On motion, the proposed amendments were taken up, and, after considerable discussion, both the series of the Society and that of the Board were referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. Hay, Schmucker, and Hutter.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. C. A. Hay.

ANNIVERSARY.

At 7½ o'clock, P. M., the Publication Society reassembled, to celebrate its anniversary, Hon. C. Kugler in the chair. The exercises were opened with music by the choir, and with prayer by Rev. R. A. Fink.

ADDRESSES.

Appropriate and effective addresses were then delivered by Dr. F. W. Conrad, Dr. T. Stork, and others.

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Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad, \$10; Rev. Dr. T. Stork, \$10; Mr. Martin Buehler, \$10; Mr. S. Philson, \$10; Rev. F. Klinefelter, \$5; Mr. C. M. Haller, \$5:—\$50.

To Furnish a Sunday-School Library to the Mission at De Moines, Iowa.

Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad, \$10; Rev. J. Swartz, \$10; Rev. Dr. T. Stork, \$5; Mr. E. G. Smyser, \$10; Mr. Plank, \$10; Dr. P. R. Wagenseller, \$10; Mr. J. J. Rebman, \$5; Mr. J. B. Hileman, \$5; Mrs. McClellan, \$5:—\$65.

To Furnish a Sunday-School Library to the Mission at Lawrence, Kansas.

Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad, \$5; Mr. Alexander Gebhart, \$10; Mr. D. Eppley, \$5; Rev. Prof. P. Born, \$5; Rev. R. A. Fink, \$5; Mr. Buehler, \$5; Mr. J. R. Eby, \$5; Rev. J. G. Butler, \$5; Mr. E. G. Smyser, \$5:—\$50.

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS.

By one dollar subscriptions, \$128.00.

Basket collection, \$25.82.

Whole amount contributed, \$513.82.

PLEDGES FOR PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

Pledges, to the amount of about \$1,000, for the purchase of books from the Society, at an early date, were given by a number of brethren, for various Sunday-schools and congregations.

This was the most interesting and encouraging anniversary of the Publication Society ever held.

The meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, P. M., May 12th.

An adjourned meeting was held May 12th, at 5 o'clock, P. M.
Prayer by Rev. J. H. Heck.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The committee to whom were referred the proposed Constitutional amendments, presented the following report:

TO THE LUTHERAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY:

The undersigned committee, to whom have been submitted for inspection, and to report back to the Society, in a systematized form, the various amendments proposed to the Constitution of the Society,—one series offered at its meeting held at Fort Wayne, and the other series proposed by the Lutheran Board of Publication, both of which have been published in the Church papers, in compliance with the XIth Article of the Constitution,—beg leave to report, that they have examined said several series of amendments, and present the following as the result of their deliberations:

First, we hold that it would not comport with a just interpretation of the Constitution, to make any amendments to the same, of which due and specific notice, as required by the XIth Article, has not been given.

We suggest, therefore, the adoption of the amendments proposed by the Board of Publication, which are as follows:

ART. III. (Amendment at Pittsburg, Pa., May 19, 1859). The first sentence to be amended so as to read: "The Society shall hold its *stated* meetings at the time and place of the meeting of every General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States, when there shall be elected a President and Secretary. At the same time," &c.

ART. IV. The last clause of the first paragraph, beginning with the words, "said colporteurs to be appointed," etc., to be changed so as to read: "Said colporteurs to be appointed by such Synods, subject to the confirmation of the Board of Publication."

ART. V. Omit the first paragraph, and insert the following: "The Board of Publication shall have power to elect its own officers, viz.: A President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall at the same time be the Treasurer of the Society."

"The Corresponding Secretary may, also, be appointed by the Board as Book Editor, and have such other stated duties assigned him in the By-Laws, as the Board may deem conducive to the interests of the Society."

In the second paragraph omit the words, "occurring during the year," so as to read: "The Board shall have power to enact its own By-Laws, to fill vacancies, to provide," &c.

ART. VII. In the first paragraph strike out the word *shall* and insert the word *may*, so as to read: "The Society *may* hold anniversary meetings," &c.

To this article the Society at Fort Wayne proposed the following amendment. We recommend its adoption.

Add as a closing paragraph: "*But no other business shall be transacted at the Anniversary meetings, except such as relates to the anniversaries themselves, or resolutions and efforts to raise funds, or to recommend any measures to the Board, or to the stated meetings of the Society.*"

ART. XI. For the words "*an annual,*" substitute "*any stated,*" and at the close add "*connected with the General Synod,*" so as to read: "This Constitution may be amended, in any of its provisions, by the concurrence of a majority of the members present at any stated meeting, provided one month's notice be given in the Church papers connected with the General Synod."

ART. X. is proposed by the Society, met at Fort Wayne, to be amended by adding to the end of it the words: "*But shall have no vote.*" We recommend its adoption.

The above report contains all the amendments proposed by the Board of Publication, with some additions proposed by the Society at Fort Wayne. The other amendments proposed by the latter, we present as a whole to the consideration of the Society. We give it as our opinion that the additional amendments proposed at Fort Wayne will be unnecessary after the adoption of the above.

E. W. HUTTER,
S. S. SCHMUCKER,
CHARLES A. HAY.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED.

The report was taken up *seriatim*, discussed, and adopted.

OTHER AMENDMENTS POSTPONED.

The remaining amendments proposed at Fort Wayne being superseded by those presented by the Board, they were indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. A. C. Wedekind, to meet again as provided in the Constitution.

P. RABY,
Sec'y of Pub. Soc'y.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
PUBLICATION SOCIETY

OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Church,
(As Amended.)

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—The name, style and title of this Society shall be, "THE LUTHERAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY."

ARTICLE II.—This Society, assuming the doctrinal basis of the General Synod, shall have for its object the diffusion of religious knowledge, by means of translations and original productions, and thus to furnish and circulate a suitable literature for the Church.

ARTICLE III.—The Society shall hold its stated meetings at the time and place of the meeting of every General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States, when there shall be elected a President and Secretary. At the same time the Society shall elect a Board of Publication, to hold its meetings in Philadelphia, and to be composed of twenty-four members, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; and two-thirds of whom shall be within such a distance of Philadelphia as to be able to attend the meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE IV.—Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod in connection with the General Synod of the United States, is recommended to establish depositories within its boundaries, and to circulate the publications of the Board, either by colporteurs or otherwise; said colporteurs to be appointed by such Synods, subject to the confirmation of the Board of Publication.

The President of any such Synodical organization to be *ex-officio* Vice-President of the Publication Society, and shall be expected to pay into the Treasurer's hands, at each annual meeting, whatever money may have been collected during the year; and shall, at the same time, receive from him the amount requisite to pay the salaries of the colporteurs and others employed.

ARTICLE V.—The Board of Publication shall have power to elect its own officers, viz.: a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall at the same time be Treasurer of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary may also be appointed by the Board as Book Editor, and have such other stated duties assigned him in the By-Laws as the Board may deem conducive to the interests of the Society.

The Board shall have power to enact its own By-Laws, to fill vacancies, to provide for the publication of books and tracts, and to print and circulate appeals to the Church in behalf of the benevolent objects of this Society.

ARTICLE VI.—The Board shall have power, whenever the funds of the Society will justify it, to establish a publication house or depository, in some suitable location in Philadelphia, where our books, tracts, pamphlets, periodicals, and all kinds of stationery may be kept for sale; the profits of which sales to be appropriated towards the support of the Education and Missionary Societies of the Church.

ARTICLE VII.—The Society may hold Anniversary meetings, the time when, and place where, to be previously designated by the Board.

At these meetings, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board shall make a detailed report of the operations of the Society during the past year, showing its present condition and future prospects. But no business shall be transacted at the Anniversary meetings, except such as relates to the Anniversaries themselves, or resolutions and efforts to raise funds, or to recommend any measures to the Board or the stated meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.—Any Lutheran minister or layman shall be considered a member of this Society by paying *one* dollar annually.

ARTICLE IX.—The payment of twenty dollars, or more, in one year, shall constitute the person so paying, a Life Director, and the payment of ten dollars, a Life Member.

ARTICLE X.—Each Life Director shall be entitled to Publications to the amount of two dollars, and each Life Member to the amount of one dollar, annually, if called for within the year. The award of books and publications shall not be extended to those who may become Life Members and Directors after the 1st of June, 1859. Each Life Member shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the meetings of the Society, and each Life Director shall be entitled to a seat in the meetings of the Board, and to take an active part in its proceedings, but not to have a vote.

ARTICLE XI.—This Constitution may be amended in any of its provisions, by the concurrence of a majority of the members present at any stated meeting, provided one month's notice be given in the church papers connected with the General Synod.

BY-LAWS.

1. Nine members shall constitute a quorum.
2. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held monthly, and shall be opened and closed with prayer.
3. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President or Corresponding Secretary.

4. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all moneys received and expended, report the same at each regular meeting of the Board, and submit a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements at each annual meeting, or oftener if required.

He shall be expected to give such security as the Board may require, for the faithful performance of his trust.

5. The General Agent shall collect funds for the establishment of the Publishing House and to enable the Society to carry on its operations; he shall have the appointment of the sub-agents and colporteurs, and by the consent of the Board shall select some suitable person to take charge of the depository over which he shall exercise a general control: the salaries of such persons employed to be fixed by the Board.

The General Agent shall pay over, from time to time, to the Treasurer, all moneys he has collected by subscription, or from colporteurs or others, who shall be responsible to him alone: and he shall be expected to make a general report quarterly to the Board, of his collections, and matters of interest coming under his notice.

6. There shall be three or more standing committees appointed at each annual meeting of the Board, viz.: a Publication Committee of seven, an Editing Committee of three, and a Financial Committee of three, who shall meet as often as necessary, and report monthly to the Board concerning all matters that have been brought before them.

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The Treasurer of the Society shall be the Chairman of the Financial Committee, who shall attend to the investment of the funds of the Society, and to such other duties as may devolve upon them.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

WEDNESDAY MAY 14th, 1868.

The Historical Society was called to order by Rev. Dr. J. G. Morris.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

A committee was appointed to nominate persons for the several offices, upon whose report the following were pronounced chosen:

President,

REV. PROF. S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D.

Vice Presidents,

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Corresponding Secretary,

REV. PROF. C. A. HAY, D.D.

Recording Secretary,

REV. J. G. BUTLER.

Treasurer,

DAVID A. BUEHLER, Esq.

Curator,

REV. PROF. M. VALENTINE, D.D.

SPEAKER FOR NEXT MEETING.

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REPORT OF THE CURATOR.

The biennial report of the Curator, Rev. Dr. M. Valentine, was read by Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown, and adopted.

The undersigned, as Curator of the Historical Society, respectfully reports: That, since its last meeting, one hundred and eighty-one contributions have been made to the Society's Library and collection, as follows:

I. Bound Volumes.

1. New Bible Dictionary, by Rev. H. Malcom, D.D. Presented by the author.
2. German Liturgy of the Synod of Pennsylvania, 1818. Presented by Rev. M. Sheeleigh.
3. Die Wiedervereinigung der Lutheraner und Reformirten, 1826. Presented by Rev. M. Sheeleigh.
4. A Manual of Prayers for Families, by James Shults, of Palatine, (Albany, 1835); from the author.
5. Memorial Volume of the Semi-centennial Anniversary of Hartwick Seminary, presented by J. Munsell, Esq.
6. Hymns for the Evangelical Lutheran Church, by authority of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Presented by Rev. M. Sheeleigh.
7. Kurtzgefaszte Geschichte der Christlichen Kirche auf der Grundlage des vortreflichen Busch'en Werks, von S. S. Schmucker, D.D. Gettysburg, 1834. Presented by the author.

II. Pamphlets. An addition of 151 has been made to our catalogue of pamphlets. Of these 97 are Minutes of Various Synods and Conventions of our Church; 16 are sermons and addresses. The rest are documents of different kinds, many of which, as well as the Minutes and Addresses, are of considerable historical interest and value. For the largest part of these pamphlets, the Society is indebted to Rev. M. Sheeleigh, and Prof. M. L. Stoever, whose steady and active interest in the increase of our collection deserves special mention.

III. Manuscripts.—But a single manuscript has been placed in our Library since last report. A sermon, entitled "the Memorial of the Righteous," preached on the death of Rev. Daniel Garver, at Greensburg, Pa., November, 1865, by Rev. L. M. Kuhns. Presented by the author.

IV. Miscellaneous.—Twenty-two additions have been made to this department, among which is a number of papers connected with the present Jubilee celebration of the Reformation, a large engraved portrait of Dr. C. Philip Krauth, presented by Prof. Stoever, and a card photograph of the Tabernacle of the Lutheran Mission, Kansas City, from the missionary, Rev. A. W. Wagenhals.

These contributions to the Society's Library, it must be confessed, are much fewer than ought to have been received. There seems to be great indifference, on the part of most of our ministers, to this matter. Few of them either forward their own publications, or collect and contribute the works of others. Some time in the winter the Curator called the attention of the Church to this subject, through the *Lutheran Observer*. A response was made

on the part of only a few. Every year books and pamphlets are published in our Church, that ought to be placed in our Library; and the designs of the Society would be greatly promoted could the authors or publishers be induced to present a copy of each. To those who have contributed the books and papers now acknowledged, the Curator desires, in the name of the Society, to return sincere thanks.

The authority given at the last meeting, to have pamphlets on hand bound, and to apply any funds in the Treasury for the improvement of the Library, has not been used. The Curator did not find convenient time for a proper examination and arrangement of the papers not yet bound, and felt, further, that as various Minutes and Pamphlets were still being received, a better arrangement of the matter into volumes could be made at a little later period. It is desirable, however, that the authority given at the last meeting should be renewed at this.

Respectfully submitted,

M. VALENTINE,

Curator.

The Society adjourned.

J. G. BUTLER,

Sec'y of Historical Society.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ART. I.—*Of the Name and Object.*

SECTION 1. This Association shall be styled "*The Historical Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America.*"

SEC. 2. The object of this Society shall be to make a collection of the published writings of Lutheran Ministers and Laymen in America, whether original or translated; to procure, as far as possible, the Minutes of all the Synods from their organization, the printed proceedings of all special Conferences, Church Councils, and other Ecclesiastical Conventions, together with regular files of the periodicals, published under the patronage of our Church; decisions in Chancery, charters of corporate institutions, constitutions of individual Churches, legal reports relating to Church property, and in general, to collect all publications, manuscripts and facts, that tend to throw light on the history of the Lutheran Church in this country.

ART. II.—*Of the Officers and their Duties.*

SEC. 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Curator, and one or two Receivers in every Synod.

SEC. 2. The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, shall be such as are usually performed by such officers.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to confer with those persons who have Lutheran books, pamphlets, &c., in their possession; and keep up a correspondence with the *Receivers* in the different Synods, for the purpose of attaining the ends of this Society. He shall give public notice of the meetings of the Society from time to time, and make an acknowledgment of all donations of books and moneys through the papers of the Church.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Curator to obtain, at the expense of the Society, a book-case with lock and key, and carefully deposit therein the publications of the Society, after they are recorded in a book kept for that purpose, with the name of the donor. He shall also report at every meeting of the Society the condition of the Library, and the additions, since the last report, with the names of the donors.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Receivers to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary in making collections of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, &c., which are to be found in their respective Synods or which may appear from time to time.

SEC. 6. The elections for officers shall be held at the regular meetings of this Society, at the time and place hereafter specified.

ART. III.—*Relating to the Library.*

SEC. 1. The Library of this Association shall be kept in the Library room of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and shall always be open to the inspection of members, without permission of the resident Curator, and to all other respectable persons, on application to the Curator or any resident member.

SEC. 2. No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or other document belonging to this Society shall be removed from the Library room, except by permission of all the resident members, and in addition, when the article, thus taken out, is designed to be used by a person residing out of Gettysburg, a written acknowledgment that he has the book, and an obligation to return it in good order, within a specified time, shall be required of him by the Curator.

SEC. 3. Should this Society for any reason be dissolved, its books and manuscripts shall not be distributed among its members, but shall always remain in the place above specified, in care of the Librarian of the Seminary, for the use of any Lutheran, subject to the regulations above.

ART. IV.—*Relating to Members.*

SEC. 1. Any person interested in the objects of this Society, may become a regular member by the nomination of any of the officers, and a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at any regular meeting. Honorary members may be elected in the same manner.

SEC. 2. Every regular member of this Society shall pay into the Treasury the sum of fifty cents, immediately after his election.

ART. V.—*Time of Meeting, &c.*

The regular meetings of this Society shall be held at the place and time of the meetings of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church.

ART. VI.

This Constitution may be altered or amended, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at any regular meeting of the Society.

STANDING COMMITTEES
OF THE
GENERAL SYNOD.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence:—Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D., Rev. G. B. Miller, D. D., and Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D.

Committee on Revision of Liturgy:—Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., Rev. T. Stork, D. D., and Rev. J. G. Butler.

Committee on Revision of English Hymn Book:—S. S. Schmucker, D. D., Rev. C. A. Stork, Rev. M. Valentine, D. D., Hon. G. W. Raff, and Rev. M. Officer.

Committee to Examine Revision of Hymn Book:—Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., President; Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Secretary; Rev. J. Swartz, Rev. T. T. Titus, and Rev. T. Stork, D. D.

Committee on German Hymn Book:—Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D., Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, Rev. J. Winecoff, Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, and Rev. G. H. Brandau.

Hymn Book (Publishing) Committee:—Messrs. M. Buehler, C. Kugler, G. P. Ockershausen, I. Sulger, and H. Goodman.

Committee on Development of Luther's Smaller Catechism:—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D., and Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

Committee on German Church Paper:—Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, Rev. G. H. Brandau, Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., Rev. F. P. Hennighausen, and Mr. C. Yeager.

Committee to Revise Formula of Government and Discipline:—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., Rev. E. W. Hutter, D. D., and Rev. T. Stork, D. D.

Committee to Prepare Address on Increase in Ministry:—Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D., Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. J. G. Butler, and Rev. J. Winecoff.

Committee to Publish Jubilee Cards:—Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Secretary.

Committee to Issue a Jubilee Circular:—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., and Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

Delegates to other Bodies:—To German Reformed General Synod: Rev. A. H. Lochman, D.D.; Alternate, and Rev. M. Valentine D.D. *To General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, (N. S.):* Rev. G. F. Stelling; Alternate, Rev. G. W. Halderman. *To General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, (O. S.):* Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D. *To the Moravian Synod:* Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D.D.; Alternate, Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D. *To General Synod of Reformed (Dutch) Church:* Rev. W. N. Scholl, D.D. *To the Evangelical Church Union of the West:* Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D.; Alternate, Rev. C. Kuhl.

*Delegates to the World's Evangelical Alliance:—*Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. H. Zeigler, D.D., Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, and Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D.D.

*Delegates to National Temperance Convention:—*Rev. J. Swartz, Rev. S. Sprecher, D.D., and Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., *Primarii*; Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D., and Rev. A. Buhrman, *Secundi*.

*Trustees of Pastors' Funds:—*Rev. E. W. Hutter, D.D., L. E. Albert, D.D., Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D., Mr. M. Buehler, Mr. A. G. Stein, and Mr. F. V. Beisel.

*Executive Committee of Parent Education Society:—*Rev. Professors C. J. Ehrehart, J. A. Brown, D.D., C. A. Hay, D.D., M. Valentine, D.D., S. S. Schmucker, D.D., V. L. Conrad, and Rev. E. Breidenbaugh.

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*Executive Committee of Home Missionary Society:—*Rev. A. H. Lochman, D.D., Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D., Rev. A. W. Lilly, Rev. J. H. Menges, E. G. Smyser, Esq., and D. Kraber Esq.

*Executive Committee of Church Extension Society:—*Messrs. Simon Gebhart, Jacob F. Lentz, B. N. Beaver, P. A. Schindler, Adam Epply.

*Board of Publication:—*Rev. T. Stork, D.D., Rev. E. W. Hutter, D.D., Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D., Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. P. Willard, Rev. J. H. Heck, Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D., Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D.D., Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D.D., Rev. G. Sill, Rev. S. A. Holman, Rev. J. R. Dimm, Rev. P. Raby, Rev. S. Sentman, Rev. N. H. Cornell, Rev. W. V. Gotwald, Hon. C. Kugler, I. Sulger, Esq., Mr. C. Carmany, Mr. F. V. Beisel, Mr. G. P. Ockershausen, Mr. J. J. Cochran; and directly to represent the General Synod, Rev. G. F. Stelling, and Rev. C. A. Stork.

*Speaker for Historical Society:—*Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D.; Alternate, Rev. J. G. Morris, D.D.

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